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EQUESTRIAN
Aga Khan trophy for Britain
The Aga Khan trophy for Britain is to be awarded to the British team at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, USA, in September.

Tomorrow
Middle man
Coe, Overt and me - Steve Cram talks to Pat Butcher about life in the fast lane

Portfolio
There is £4,000 to be won today in the daily Times Portfolio Gold competition.
On Saturday three people shared the weekly prize of £16,000, doubled because there was no winner the week before, while three others shared the daily prize, up to £12,000 after two days without a winner. Details, page 3.

Peer dies
Lord Cyril Plant of Benenden, chairman of the Trades Union Congress in 1976, has died in hospital in France after being taken ill on holiday, two weeks before his seventy-sixth birthday.

Israeli attack
Israeli jets and helicopters struck at Palestinian camps on the fringes of the Lebanese city of Sidon, as Christian militias battled in Beirut. Page 7

Degree results
Degrees awarded by the universities of Aberdeen and Keele are published today.

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Tory boost for Irish accord to go ahead

By Richard Ford
The Government is to press ahead with a package of measures aimed at reassuring nationalist aims in the Anglo-Irish agreement, in spite of rising "loyalist" violence and protests aimed at destroying the accord or preventing its implementation.

Mr Peter Robinson, MP for East Belfast, faces four charges, including assaulting members of the Garda and malicious damage, after the loyalist "invasion" of a village in Co Monaghan. He has been advised to jump bail or travel south accompanied by thousands of supporters for protection.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, said yesterday that he believed Mr Robinson should answer his bail, and

that the Irish police would provide adequate protection. He confirmed that the RUC had removed the police guard from the MP's home at Dundonald, on the eastern outskirts of Belfast, but said it was an operational matter for the police and he had not been consulted.

He dismissed as "fantasy" a claim by Mr Robinson that the British Government had plotted to kill him by offering a five-figure sum to a mercenary.

Among the measures being considered by the Government are repeal of the Flags and Emblems Act, which effectively makes it unlawful to fly the tricolour, moves to give greater recognition to the use of the Irish language and reforms to allow street signs in Gaelic where a majority of local inhabitants so wish.

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, has asked for a report on the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of more than 100 Gurkhas from the British Army.



The Queen during her visit to Clydebank at the weekend (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Minister looks into Gurkha dismissals

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent
Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, has asked for a report on the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of more than 100 Gurkhas from the British Army.

Both Mr Stanley and Mr Roger Freeman, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, are due to make visits to Hong Kong, where the regiment involved, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, is based. It is believed that Mr Freeman is due to go in the next week or two and Mr Stanley a little later.

The dismissals followed a refusal by the Gurkhas to cooperate with an army inquiry into a brawl which occurred in Hawaii in May, during which two army officers were injured.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that 111 Gurkhas had been dismissed, the last of whom flew home to Nepal from Hong Kong on Saturday. A further 12 would have been dismissed, but were reinstated after making successful representations to the Gurkha Field Force in Hong Kong.

Mr Victor Parkhouse, town clerk of Tongaat, in Natal, said the council was sending Mrs Thatcher a letter telling her of its decision to give her the "freedom of the town", and thanking her for her efforts to stave off sanctions.

TUC blueprint for consumer control of state industry

The return of British Telecom to public ownership, and the establishment of High Street consumer centres with watchdog powers over major service industries, are features of a TUC blueprint for reshaping public industries.

Other reforms, designed to reverse disillusionment with public ownership, call for industrial relations pacesetters, and the establishment of a British investment bank to channel long-term finance into high-technology and "start-up" companies.

The reforms, which also seek more backing for local enterprise boards and an extension of the parliamentary select committee system to scrutinize large public companies more systematically, will be put to next month's TUC Congress at Brighton.

The report, called *Industries for People*, is the result of a two-year review of public ownership. It says: "Nationalized industries in their present form have failed to give people any sense of owning or having a stake in public enterprise."

According to the TUC, the solution is a "fresh and more imaginative approach to public enterprise", not the Government's "blinkered

Beacon climb for the Queen

By Robin Young
The Queen will be climbing up 152 lighthouse steps on a rocky outcrop of Scotland's west coast today, regardless of public concern for her health since it was disclosed that she had a secret check-up at the National Heart Hospital last week.

The tests she underwent were "routine and insignificant" according to the assistant press secretary at Buckingham Palace. It is evident, though, that they were more sophisticated than might have been performed at Buckingham Palace with a portable electro-cardiogram device, and tight security surrounded the Queen's hospital visit.

Corridors were closed and lifts shut as she arrived for her appointment. Whatever tests were performed did not interrupt the Queen's schedule in any way. She spent 30 minutes with consultants, and then completed her engagements for the day.

On Wednesday she travelled to Southampton to board the Royal Yacht Britannia for her annual cruise around the Western Isles en route to her summer holiday at Balmoral. On Saturday, the day before the news emerged of her heart check, the Queen was visiting Clydebank to mark its centenary.

In a hectic morning she named an oil rig, toured a shipyard, an engineering works and a hospice, went walkabout through Clydebank shopping centre, unveiled a plaque and a commemorative stone, toured the Clydebank business park, visited the local radio station, lunched at the town hall, and went to watch youth activities at Dalmeir Park in the afternoon.

Today the Queen will be visiting Ardnamurchan lighthouse, on the most westerly promontory in Britain - the sort of bracing and energetic engagement she enjoys best.

There have been no deletions, no additions, no changes to the Queen's programme whatsoever. The Queen is in excellent health, and enjoying her holiday, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

Britannia arrives at Aberdeen on Saturday, and the Queen will be spending a quiet week at Balmoral. There is no history of heart disease in the Queen's ancestry, and she does not use salt, excess of which has been associated with liability to heart attacks and strokes.

5 more Mont Blanc deaths

From Susan MacDonald
Paris
Five more climbers on the Mont Blanc massif fell to their deaths this weekend, bringing the total loss of life on the French side of the mountain since the beginning of August to 11.

A week ago a British climber, Mr David Eark, died and his wife and climbing companion were injured while climbing the Aiguille du Midi. The loss of life on Mont Blanc during July had been the lowest for ten years, with 10 people dying compared with 15 during the same month last year. It is thought that the particularly high August figures are due to a heatwave in the area, which has caused rock falls because of a lack of ice on the mountain at night.

The total number of deaths on the French side of Mont Blanc increases by around 10 per cent a year, which is roughly the same as the yearly increase in climbers in the area. The gendarmic mountain rescue service in Chamonix says that 50 people died last year, 31 of them during July and August.

Link fails - An attempt to form a 53-mile human chain from Chamonix to the Swiss city of Geneva to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first human ascent of Mont Blanc failed yesterday when gapping holes were detected in the chain (AFP reports). The organizers were forced to admit that too few people took part.

Checks on share deals soar
Investigations into suspected cases of insider dealing on the stock market, a criminal offence since 1981, nearly doubled last year, says a Stock Exchange report published today.

Natal town honours Thatcher

Johannesburg (Reuters) - Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to be honoured by a South African town for her stand on sanctions, local officials said yesterday.

Mr Victor Parkhouse, town clerk of Tongaat, in Natal, said the council was sending Mrs Thatcher a letter telling her of its decision to give her the "freedom of the town", and thanking her for her efforts to stave off sanctions.

A council official said she deserved to be honoured for her "courageous stand".
LONDON: 10 Downing Street said they had heard reports of Tongaat's intention to honour Mrs Thatcher but could not comment until the official letter was received.
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Botham's record in sixes

Ian Botham set a John Player Special League record yesterday when he scored the highest number of sixes by one batsman in an innings on his way to an unbeaten 175 against Northamptonshire. Botham struck 13 sixes and was only one run short of Graham Gooch's league record of 176.

Nelson Piquet, from Brazil, won the Hungarian motor racing grand prix yesterday. Nigel Mansell, from Britain, was third, maintaining his lead in the championship.
Graeme Souness, who was sent off in his first match as player-manager of Rangers on Saturday, could find his club the subject of a Scottish Football Association inquiry.
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Ministers face sex education defeat

By Sheila Ginn, Political Staff
The Government's attempt to legislate on sex education in schools should be taught about sex is in danger of collapsing.

Opposition MPs and many Conservative backbenchers are strongly against bringing the law into such a sensitive area and fear it could lead to a spate of court actions by parents.

They believe the sex education clause in the Education Bill is unnecessary after the publication of a draft circular by the Department of Education and Science last week. That sets out how the Government expects schools to tackle the subject "within a moral framework".

The Bill will also give parents more representation on governing bodies and more rights to determine what is in the sex education curriculum. The latest attempt to change the Bill comes from a mixed group of 64 Labour frontbench and Conservative backbench MPs who have tabled an amendment giving parents the right to excuse their children from sex education lessons.

General assassinated

Lieutenant-General Arun Vaidya, the Indian Army chief who planned the attack on the Sikh Golden Temple of Amritsar in 1984, was shot dead in his car in Pune yesterday by men on motor cycles. His wife was wounded.
General Vaidya, aged 60, who retired this year, was high on the hit-list of Sikh extremists since the Amritsar siege. Only last week he had received a letter threatening his life.

The country was put on a general alert after the attack.
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Chinese show off to Mrs Gorbachov

Moscow (AP) - Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, the wife of the Soviet leader, paid a rare social call on the Chinese Embassy last week to inspect the latest in women's fashion on their side of the Great Wall, diplomatic sources said.

Mrs Gorbachov's attendance, with other Kremlin wives, at a Chinese fashion show was the latest hint of the slow warming in cultural and economic ties between the rival communist powers, whose political relations remain frosty.

Claws drawn in Polish catwalk scandal

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw
Beauty, they say, is only skin-deep. On the surface, everything seems to be in order: another nice girl with all the right equipment has just been crowned Miss Poland, the Soviet bloc's main contender for the Miss World title in London.

Handled with the reverential care normally reserved for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the contest's British organizer, Mrs Julia Morley, and a glowing blonde Miss World were whisked to the dilapidated seaside resort of Sopot to witness the coronation.

But behind the scenes there is more than a hint of scandal with allegations of stolen or "lost" prizes, of favouritism and vote-rigging, of walkouts and secret trysts. The claws, the winners but disappeared from out of the finals after the chief organizer accused them of bad conduct.

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Pressure on Labour grows after spending plans audit

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Labour Party came under increased pressure yesterday to submit its spending programme to independent audit after the publication of two studies estimating that a Labour government would have to borrow between £23 and £26 billion.

Party strategists have so far refused to commission an independent audit in the hope that the claims of Treasury ministers will win rather than lose them votes. This is in spite of a call from Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Home Secretary, for independent analysis.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, has described as "fantasy figures" calculations made by Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, which he based on Labour's plans.

Mr MacGregor added together the cost of the promises made by Opposition spokesmen and arrived at a total of £35 billion. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has challenged Mr Hattersley to produce his own figures.

The two new audits, carried out by Phillips and Drew, the City stockbrokers, and the Item club of independent forecasters, come too close to agreeing with Mr MacGregor to be ignored by the Labour Party.

The main dispute between the new studies and the Treasury is about how Labour would fund its programme - by increased borrowing or by pushing up income tax or VAT.

The Phillips and Drew audit gives some consolation to Mr Hattersley by not agreeing with Mr MacGregor that a Labour government would have to raise income tax from 29p to 53p in the pound. It estimated that if the Opposition borrowed more money as well, income tax would need to go up by only one

Stalker in long wait for ruling on his fate

Peter Davenport

Mr John Stalker, the suspended Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, must wait until at least August 22 for the results of an inquiry into disciplinary allegations against him.

That is when the Greater Manchester Police Authority will consider a report on allegations arising from his 17-year friendship with Mr Kevin Taylor, a Manchester businessman and claims that he kept unwise associations with criminals.

Yesterday Mr Stalker denied a report in *The Sunday Times* that he has been told unofficially that he has been cleared.

As he prepared for a family party at his home near Warburton in Cheshire, he said: "I do not know if the report that I have been cleared is true or not."

"I do know that I have not been told, either officially or unofficially that that is the case. Regrettably it has not been said, I only wish it had."

The report of the nine-week inquiry has been completed by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. Each copy of the 1,500-page report runs to seven, blue-bound volumes.

It landed on the desk of Mr Rowland Moyle, deputy chairman of the independent Police Complaints Authority and supervising officer in the investigation, at the end of last week.

Mr Moyle does not expect to finish his consideration of the report until the end of this



Mr John Stalker at home yesterday. The nine-week inquiry has taken its toll on his family.

week. The Police Complaints Authority has to authorize the inquiry as being fully and properly carried out but it has no role in recommending whether action should be taken against Mr Stalker.

A decision on whether Mr Stalker should face disciplinary charges can only be taken by the Greater Manchester Police Authority.

Yesterday its acting chairman, Mr David Moffatt, a Labour councillor, said that the Authority had not yet received its copies of the report. He would be the first to receive it, on August 14.

It is known that Mr Sampson was asked to consider any possibility of involvement by either MIs or the freemasons in the allegations.

He was also to consider a possible Northern Ireland connection, because of Mr Stalker's role in heading an investigation into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary. It is believed that the report comes out against these theories.

Mr Stalker was sent on extended leave on May 29, four days before he was due to return to Northern Ireland to finish his investigation. He was later formally suspended.

He said yesterday: "My period away from work has had a profound effect on my family. I am a professional and can understand to a large extent the procedures that have to be gone through. But my family don't understand and they have been saddened and confused."

Alliance seeks unity on defence

By Our Political Staff

Social Democratic and Liberal Party strategists have acted to stop supporters widening the rift on defence policy during the annual conferences next month.

The motions accepted for debate at the SDP's conference in Harrogate call for the Alliance to go into the next general election with a joint defence policy.

In the Liberals' assembly agenda, delegates are told that no amendments will be taken to the Alliance's blueprint *Priorities for the 1990s*. These two moves make it more difficult for delegates to press for changes in policy.

The rift has been caused by Dr David Owen's call for a clear Alliance commitment to replace Polaris when it becomes obsolete unless world circumstances change dramatically.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, prefers to go along with an earlier Alliance report which said the decision could be put off for years.

Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP's president, in her report in the agenda released today, tries to emphasize the scale of agreement between the two parties on defence.

She says: "The exercise (Partnership for Progress) has already shown how close the two parties' views are, even on defence, though the specific issue of the replacement of Polaris revealed some differences of opinion within and between the parties, hardly surprising given the uncertainties of the international scene and the unpredictable outcome of the superpower disarmament talks in Geneva."

The Social Democrats are likely to devote more time to examining their defence policy, with a two-hour debate planned.

The only discussion on the subject at the Liberal assembly will come during a general debate on the wide-ranging *Priorities for the 1990s* document. But the party will concentrate more on nuclear energy with a motion calling for a planned phasing out of all nuclear power.

The SDP conference organizers have not selected for debate a defence motion from the Glasgow North area party, welcoming a commitment to "negotiating a real reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons, so that though in certain circumstances it may be necessary to replace Polaris, our priority in government would be towards achieving success to such negotiations which would make such replacement necessary".

Thatcher acts to end reports of Tebbit rift

By Our Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will set off on her Cornish holiday today hopeful that she has managed to end reports of a serious rift between herself and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman.

Mr Tebbit and his wife, Margaret, are also off on a close adviser described as "one of the most unpleasant weeks of his life".

Downing Street had denied speculation last week that he was on the point of resigning because of differences with the Prime Minister. But, much to Mrs Thatcher's consternation, reports of a rift continued.

There was no contact between the two last week. Mr Tebbit was in Devon, only returning to London on Friday, while Mrs Thatcher was at the Commonwealth summit before going into King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London for surgery on her right hand.

News of Mrs Thatcher's long telephone call to Mr Tebbit on Saturday will do far more to demonstrate that she still enjoys her confidence. During the call from Chesham, Mrs Thatcher made plain that she considered the stories to be untrue.

He is expected to remain as chairman after the autumn reshuffle, although a new deputy will be brought in to concentrate on presenting the Government's policies and record in the run-up to the next general election.

Mrs Thatcher is known to be unhappy that the Government's message is not getting across to the electorate. But most of her colleagues accept this as a normal problem when a Government is halfway through a second term.

There is no doubt that Mr Tebbit's health is causing concern among his colleagues, as he still suffers pain from the injuries inflicted by the bomb explosion at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, 22 months ago.

Three to compete in chess play-off

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

Three players tied for first place in the Kleinwort Grievson British Chess Championship in Southampton yesterday after a thrilling last round.

Murray Chandler, Jonathan Mestel and Jonathan Speelman, all grandmasters, took 8 points each out of 11.

There will be a play-off between them, with place and time yet to be decided.

Glen Flear and Daniel King, who are international masters, came next, half a point behind.

Chandler had been half a point behind Mestel and Speelman before the last round. Chandler played black against Michael Basman, an international master. Mestel and Speelman were white against Flear and King. Speelman played a surprisingly quick draw with King, and Chandler defeated Basman after a hard fight in which Basman blundered.

The last game to finish was Mestel-Flear. Mestel was two points up in a rook ending but Flear deflected well and managed to draw the game.

The British Ladies' Championship for 1986 is Susan Arkell who won with 9 points out of 11.

Spectacles poll ends old myth

The old saying: "Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses", is untrue, according to the results of a survey published today.

The survey, by the Gallup organization, shows that 89 per cent of people thought that the saying was nonsense.

It also found that while 80 per cent of people aged over 35 in the United Kingdom wear glasses, only one in 10 is self-conscious about them.

Topping a poll of spectacle-wearing personalities were Michael Caine, the actor, and Anne Kirkbride, the actress who plays Deirdre Barlow in *Coronation Street*.

Michael Caine was followed by Cliff Richard, Leslie Crowther, Ronnie Corbett, Dennis Taylor and Sir Robin Day. Miss Kirkbride finished ahead of Se Pollard, the Queen, Sophia Loren, Nana Mouskouri, Felicity Kendal and Marjorie Proops.

The survey, commissioned by the British American Optical Company, showed that men generally have more pairs of glasses than women, that the Scots are more fashion-conscious, and that girls in Yorkshire are more self-conscious about wearing glasses than anyone else in Britain.

When choosing glasses, men and women look first for comfort and style, then fashion, with price finishing surprisingly last.

Correction

Lormetazepam tablets, manufactured by Schering Chemicals Ltd and referred to in a High Court hearing reported in *The Times* on July 11, continue to be available on National Health Service prescription, the manufacturers point out.

Damsel fly rescue

Anglian Water has launched an operation in Lincolnshire to save the damselfly, a slender-bodied species of the dragonfly.

There are 16 breeding varieties in Britain although three are thought to be extinct. Ten of those remaining have been identified in surveys of local waters in the past 18 months, eight of them within a 12-mile radius of Lincoln.

Many of their normal habitats are highly vulnerable to pollution, changing water levels, removal of aquatic vegetation, destruction of bankside habitat and overstocking with ducks or fish.

Dr Chris Extence, a water authority biologist, said: "Certain parts of Lincolnshire undoubtedly form important refuges for these spectacular insects and measures are now being taken to help conserve critical habitats, to preserve the existing damselfly population and hopefully encourage additional species to breed."

Ulster turmoil

Deputy challenges Paisley

By Richard Ford

The streetwise in Northern Ireland always say that when the Rev Ian Paisley is absent from the country trouble begins. Others add now that while the "big man" is away, his deputy will play.

But rarely has Northern Ireland witnessed the sight of Mr Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, cutting short a tour of the United States to return home, ostensibly to support his deputy, Mr Peter Robinson.

It is the second time this year that he has hurried home from America, and while no one should underestimate his ability, popularity and determination to remain the leader of his own creation, Mr Paisley's position is being eroded and exposed by the latest crisis facing unionism.

It is not often that Mr Paisley, aged 60, is seen in the role of sideshow to his deputy and if Mr Robinson travels to the Irish Republic for his court appearance one thing is certain - Mr Paisley will be at his side for the pictures and headlines.

In the 20 years since his political career began he has commanded the scene with a mixture of crude anti-Roman Catholic rhetoric, daring publicity stunts and burlesque good humour. He remains a master at coups that both delight his supporters and horrify respectable opinion, but he is ageing and visibly tiring.

His party has expanded from being little more than an adjunct to his other creation, the Free Presbyterian Church, so that it rivals the older Official Unionists organization and he has had to delegate authority to younger ambitious men.

With seats at Westminster and the European Parliament and at least three preaching engagements every Sunday it is a punishing pace. Party colleagues privately admit that he is no longer the fount of all wisdom and tactics or as sharp and surefooted as he was years ago. They insist that he will remain as leader for as long as

he wishes, but some foresee a time when he will increasingly be a figurehead, while others are in the forefront of the political battle.

While his base is rooted in rural Protestant Northern Ireland, with its deep conservatism and strict adherence to the sabbath, many of those attracted to the party, because of its populism and more working class base, have urban backgrounds and the advantage of further education.

Several of them are close allies of Mr Robinson, who, at 37, is credited with being the person who organized the party into a political machine, and in the process made himself an independent and indispensable deputy to Mr Paisley.

Although a non-drinker and non-smoker who did not come to the DUP via the Free Presbyterian Church, Mr Robinson, with a vast blue-collar constituency in east Belfast, is aware of the delicate balance that must be drawn between firmly upholding Sabbatarian principles and the wishes of many working class voters.

But it is on the issue of hardline tactics to oppose the Anglo-Irish agreement that the most obvious divisions occur between Mr Paisley and his deputy. The paramilitaries and hardliners have lost faith in the DUP leader, while wondering whether in Mr Robinson they have found a man to lead them into confrontation. His appearance in Co Monaghan has not disappointed them.

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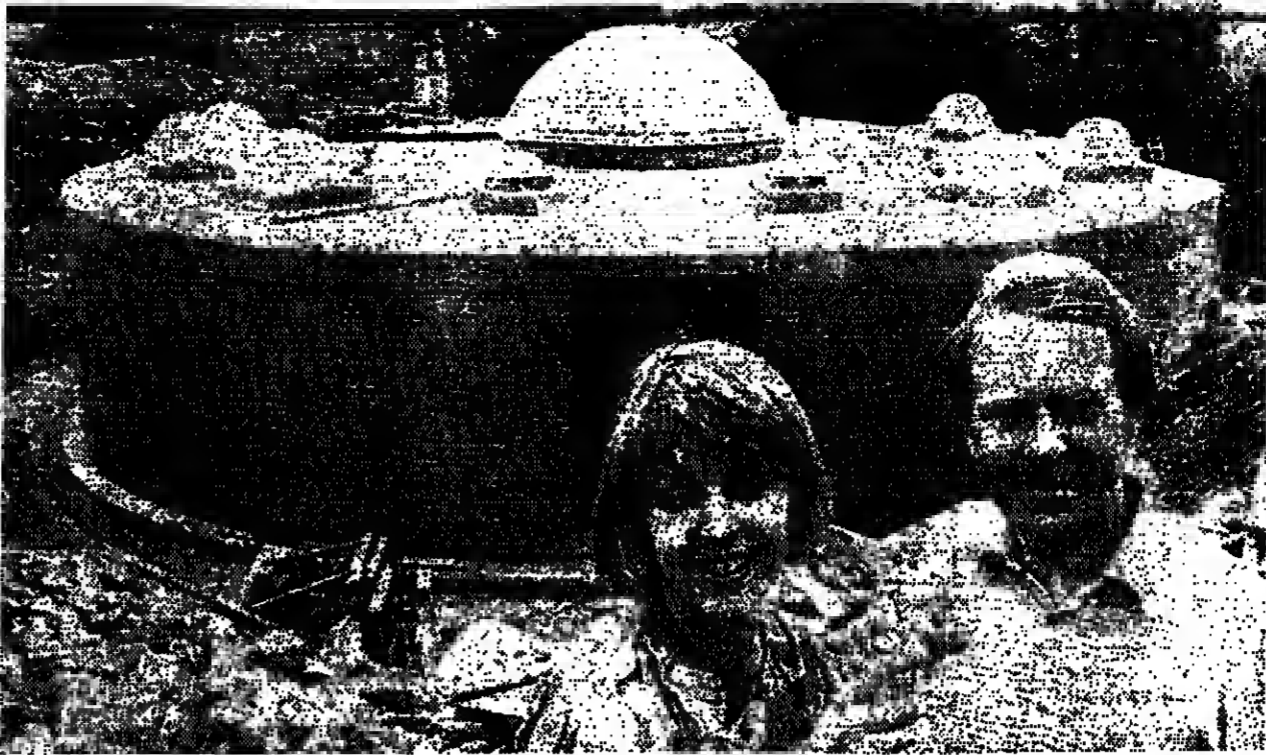
One in every 10 children is an asthma sufferer, and although more research than ever is being conducted, a cure remains elusive. Improvements in treatment in the past 20 years mean that asthmatics can be helped and protected by a range of drugs and inhalers. Even so, the condition remains for many a daily, or frequent, blight on their lives and a constant worry for their families. More worrying is the fact that in spite of apparent progress, the annual death toll is practically the same as it was almost 20 years ago. There is evidence from several surveys of asthma deaths that inadequate and dilatory treatment, and failure to recognize the need for immediate admission to hospital, are responsible for most asthma deaths, according to Mr Ian Grant, senior lecturer in medicine at Edinburgh University, writing in Asthma News. Similar concern has been expressed recently by the Asthma Research Council, the leading charity for asthmatics, which is funding more than 40 research projects. Researchers are striving to solve some of asthma's many mysteries. Is it hereditary? What role do allergies to house mites and other substances play? What happens during sleep to aggravate the condition and make the early morning hours the most dan-

About 2,000 people in Britain died last year from attacks of asthma, a condition which affects more than two-and-a-half million of the population. In the first of two articles, Thomson Franchise, Science Correspondent, looks at the causes and available treatment.

gerous? Which subtle interplays in the body's chemistry pose threats, and which offer hope of medical advances? It is an affliction misunderstood by many, including some of its victims, and which even general practitioners fail to recognize in some cases. Asthma is a respiratory disease characterized by intermittent bouts of breathing difficulty. A sufferer feels a tightness and an inability to expand the chest. Distress increases rapidly, the whole body heaving with the effort of getting air, often with the victim wheezing desperately. In such attacks, which can last a few minutes or persist for several days, the flow of oxygen to the lungs is hampered because of sudden contractions of the bronchial tubes. These airways narrow because the muscle surrounding them tightens. In a severe attack, the inner walls of the tubes become irritated and swollen, producing phlegm. A variety of external factors will act as triggers leading to an attack. The most common causes are dust, pollen, smoke, contact with animals and cold air, exercise, particularly in

children, and infections, both bacterial and viral. The most commonly used drugs are bronchodilators, which act by relaxing the muscle surrounding the bronchial tubes, thus allowing the airways to widen. The drugs are chemically similar to adrenalin, which increases heart rate and switches blood circulation to the muscles, and the most commonly prescribed are fenoterol, salbutamol and terbutaline. Most asthmatics use bronchodilators in the form of aerosol inhalers, which produce an almost immediate effect lasting four to six hours, and which are safe from side effects. Inhalers for preventing more troublesome attacks contain corticosteroids, which work by making the walls of the airways less swollen and less sensitive to irritants. However, they take several days to begin to make an impact. Severe episodes of asthma may occasionally require short courses of steroid tablets.

Tomorrow: Searching for a cure.



Mr Stewart Bexon with his girl friend, Miss Rosemary Lynn, after the fitting of a 14ft roof dome on his underground home at Westonbirt, Gloucestershire. Mr Bexon, a marketing consultant, took two years to build the subterranean house and swimming pool. Six smaller domes were fitted to other parts of the Cotswolds hideaway. Mr Bexon, who hopes to move in next month, said: "It looks like a mini St Paul's from outside." (Photograph: Richard Wintle).

Sun's sex survey was insensitive

It was "grossly insensitive" of The Sun newspaper to publish a sex survey which included references to female fantasies of being raped on the same day that it carried a front page picture of a rape victim, the Press Council said today. But a complaint against the paper was not upheld. Mr Steven Bridge, of Bexley, Kent, complained that it was irresponsible to publish a "dubious" sex survey in a week in which nationwide attention was given to the victims of rape. In a three-page spread on the "Great 1986 Sex Survey", Roslyn Grose, a reporter, listed the top six women's sexual fantasies, the third of which was that many dreamt of being taken by force. The survey was in the same issue as a partly disguised front page photograph of a vicar's daughter who had been raped. But a complaint against the paper was not upheld. Mr Thomas Crone, the newspaper's deputy legal manager, said the survey's findings were honestly reported and the idea of being taken by force was given minimal prominence. The survey's publication date was fixed before it was known that there would be a front page rape story. In its adjudication the Press Council said the decision to publish the survey "lay within the editor's discretion".

Electronic system to detect divers

Defender, which tried last September to counter supposed assaults on British installations by Russian Spetsnaz special forces, brought expressions of concern from naval sources about Britain's ability to keep out enemy divers, and it would be surprising if the ministry were not seeking to improve its detection systems. It is thought that Marconi, Smiths Industries, Dowty and Ulvertech are also involved in marketing systems. The kind of approach now being considered would provide several lines of detection system, the most distant of which might be 30 miles offshore, to detect relatively large vessels, and could involve the use of magnetic loop sensors. Closer to the sea-bed would be sonars with overlapping fields, for finding small submersible vessels, or even smaller vehicles carrying a single swimmer. The last line, close inshore, could be a soot pool which on striking a swimmer is reflected back on to a mirror. It is claimed that this system gives ranges of several hundred yards, allowing at least five minutes for defence forces to counter an intruder. Plessey refused to discuss who might buy the system beyond saying that six countries were looking at it. The British Ministry of Defence said that it would cover discuss security matters. However Exercise Brave

More drug cases 'will be fought'

New legislation to confiscate the assets of drug traffickers could lead to more contested, expensive court cases, according to a new bulletin on drug problems. Writing in Druglink, published today by the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, Miss Jane Goodsir, coordinator for the charity, Release, forecasts a rise in not guilty pleas as the stakes involved are heightened by the confiscation powers, particularly for small dealers. The Drug Trafficking Offences Bill allows for confiscation on conviction. The courts will have the power to assume that everything the trafficker has and has had in the previous six years came from drugs. Release, which advises defendants in drug cases, finds "police pitching the significance and scale of drugs too high, and defendants whose cases could have been disposed of quickly and quietly plead not guilty as a result". The legislation means that the court can be provided with a statement on the value to the defendant of the proceeds of drugs trafficking, giving police "a direct influence on sentencing levels", Miss Goodsir says.

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Benefit rule 'is hidden cut'

The Government has been accused of relinquishing its responsibility to provide furniture and bedding for those in need. The Child Poverty Action Group claims that cuts in lump sum grants for those on supplementary benefit, which come into force today, will hit hardest the long-term unemployed and families with children. The new regulations, expected to save £100 million, relate to single payments, which are one-off grants for those claiming supplementary benefit or housing benefit supplement, to help with the cost of special expenses which cannot be met from weekly supplementary benefit. The changes, which impose restrictions on those entitled to grants, come after government concern that the single payment system was being widely abused. However Miss Fran Bennett, the group's deputy director, said that evidence from independent research studies showed that unmet need rather than abuse, was the main problem. "These cut-backs in effect mean a concealed cut in benefit rates for the growing number of people dependent on supplementary benefit," she said yesterday. Single payments were made at the discretion of the local authority, which could decide the size of the grant, until today. Now payments are determined by nationally set figures for example £65 for a single bed and mattress, £150 for a cooker and £30 for a heater. Under the new regulations, no one may receive a grant if he or she has had one of the same item in the past three years, and payments are restricted to the physically and mentally disabled, the chronically sick and pensioners.

Degrees awarded by the University of Aberdeen

Table listing degrees awarded by the University of Aberdeen across various subjects including Anatomy, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computing Science, English, French, German, History, Italian, Japanese, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Music, Natural Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, and Theology. Each entry lists the name of the recipient and their degree.

University of Keele honours degrees

Table listing honours degrees awarded by the University of Keele across various subjects including Agriculture, Architecture, Business Studies, Education, Engineering, Geography, Health Studies, Law, Life Sciences, Medicine, Music, Natural Sciences, Physical Education, Psychology, and Theology. Each entry lists the name of the recipient and their degree.

Best GCE results may win medals

Students who gain this year's best GCE A-level results due out this week are being offered medals by some of Britain's best known companies. British Airways, Shell UK, Mrs. Taylor-Woodrow, NatWest Bank and the Central Electricity Generating Board. The medals are to go to the top candidates in 14 subject groups examined by the Associated Examining Board. The 14 groups are: English language, life science, earth sciences, history and religious studies, philosophy, psychology and sociology, law and politics, business, physical and applied science, performing arts, technical subjects, mathematics, art craft and design; computing communication and general studies.

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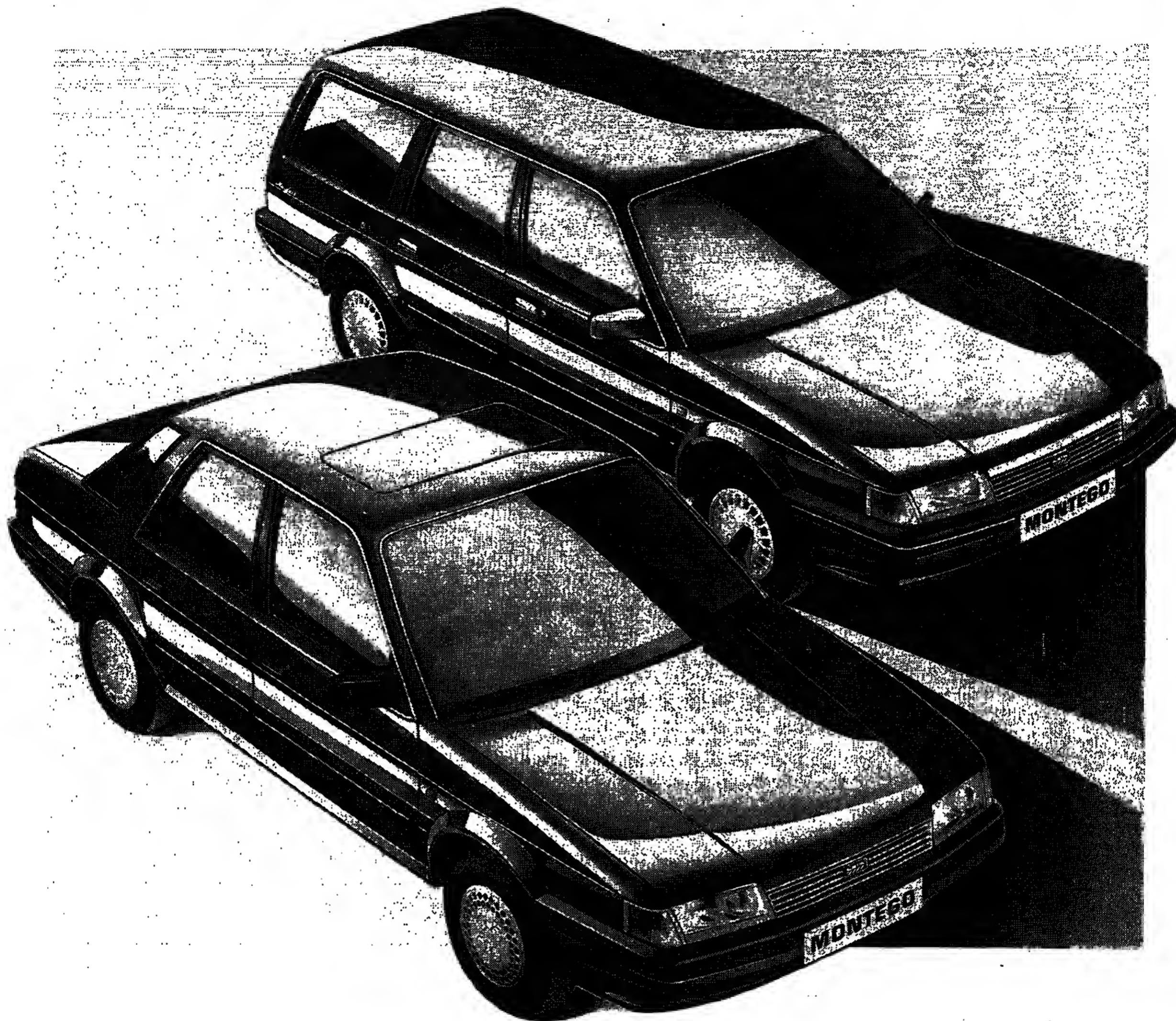
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General who planned assault on Sikh Golden Temple is assassinated

From Kundip Nayar, Delhi.

Lieutenant-General Arun Kumar Vaidya, former chief of staff of the Indian Army and architect of the storming of the Sikh Golden Temple of Amritsar, was shot dead by four clean-shaven men in the heart of Pune cantonment yesterday.

His wife, Mrs Bhaou Devi, was wounded but is said to be out of danger.

The general was driving home with his wife from market in Pune, about 100 miles east of Bombay, when the assassins, two on a motor cycle and two on a motor scooter, drew level with his car and fired at him with automatic weapons. He was declared dead on his arrival at a military hospital.

He was high on the hit-list of Sikh extremists since Operation Blue Star at Amritsar in 1984, in which their leader, Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, was killed.

General Vaidya, aged 60, is the most important victim of terrorism since Mrs Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Minister, was assassinated by two of her Sikh security guards in 1984. He and the police were warned then by the extremists that they would take their revenge on him.

Two days ago newspapers

ran a threatening letter to the general on their front pages. The Pune police commissioner had alerted all stations and had tightened security around him. But there was no policeman or security guard when he was shot.

The attack came within 24 hours of the arrest of a feared extremist, Maohir Singh Chaheru, chief of the "Khalistan Commando Force", in Jullundur, indicating that the general's death may have been in reprisal for the arrest.

Manbir carried a reward of £5,500 on his head.

In the absence of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who returns to Delhi tomorrow from his overseas tour,



General Vaidya: living under threat since 1984

Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister, consulted several Cabinet colleagues and put the country on a general alert.

In a condolence message, President Zail Singh said: "It is a matter of great distress that the cult of violence is spreading like a virus. This should be condemned by one and all, and evil forces spreading violence should be put down with a heavy hand."

General Vaidya, who retired as Army chief on January 31, was one of India's most decorated generals. Commissioned on January 20, 1945 in the armoured corps, he held many regimental and staff appointments.

On Operation Blue Star, he told a Bombay magazine that "a soldier is never told not to hit back in case of attack, but keeping in view the sanctity of the Golden Temple, I had to issue such an order. The soldiers were told not to return the fire."

Meanwhile, a former Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Prakash Singh Badal, and a former president of the Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, are being held for 15 days pending trial on charges of defying an order not to visit the areas of Delhi recently affected by Sikh riots.



Revenge burning of Tamil shops

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

Shops belonging to Tamils were burnt by Muslims in Kalmunai in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province yesterday, in retaliation for the killing of a Muslim youth by Tamil guerrillas at Kudairuppu on Saturday, police sources said.

Meanwhile, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, leader of the main opposition party, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, said that Government proposals for devolving power through provincial councils would divide the nation further.

In an interview with the Sinhala-language paper, Sri

Lanka Deepa, she said the Government had no right to impose decentralization without seeking a mandate.

The second round of talks between the Sri Lanka Government and the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front will be held in Colombo next Saturday.

A dozen Indian firemen sitting to discuss their complaints following treatment at hospital in Chandigarh, in the Punjab, after they were ordered at gunpoint by the Fire Services Director, Mr R. K. Ranga, to jump off their fire engine on to a concrete floor during drill. The firemen, some of whom suffered broken legs, claim that he was drunk.

Hungarian writer banned for US essays

Budapest (AP) — Hungary has banned works by a noted writer and playwright, Istvan Csaruka, after his essays were published in America, and has suspended a literary journal for political reasons, Hungarian newspapers say.

The deputy Minister of Culture, Mr Gyorgy Vajda, told the daily *Magyar Nemzet* that Mr Csaruka, evading rules on Hungarians publishing abroad, had had essays brought out by an unnamed New York publisher.

Mr Vajda said that "his statements and lectures made abroad" as well as the US essays "violate Hungary's interests, present a distorted picture of public life here, of the past 30 years in this nation's history".

An investigation was under way, he added, against the editorial board of the suspended magazine, *Tiszta*, who had "committed a whole series of errors with regard to editing policy, and to the democratic and responsible 'workshop' practice".

A Hungarian intellectual in Vienna believes that the editors are being punished for publishing poems by Gaspar Nagy, dismissed in 1984 as secretary of the Writers' Union, and by Sandor Csorot, a writer who has had many problems with authorities.

Daunting autumn for Craxi

Image tarnished by coalition deal

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, must be asking himself on his holiday whether his determination to stay on after his record-breaking three consecutive years in the post was politically wise.

The autumn looks politically daunting. His last government fell on June 27 because of differences within the five-party coalition, not through the efforts of the official opposition.

Differences remain, even if for the moment they are less apparent.

The principal one concerned who should be Prime Minister, and that was settled by an arrangement under which Signor Craxi, who is a Socialist, would hand back the prime ministership next spring to a Christian Democrat. That arrangement has been criticized.

Among others, Senator Sandro Pertini, the former President, said that agreements on alternating the office of Prime Minister should be a question for Parliament and not for the parties to decide.

The Christian Democrat leadership, moreover, has been criticized from its own ranks for having gained too little from the fall of the last Government.

Members of the Communist opposition maintain that the Christian Democrats may still be tricked out of their turn at leading the coalition if, by the spring, the political situation has deteriorated to the point that elections are inevitable.

Signor Craxi, while in office last time, won a reputation for a pragmatic approach unusual in Italian political affairs and for courage as well as a generous share of luck.

At the time that his government fell he was presiding over a period of political stability, in that the same government had been in power for an

unprecedented length of time. There were also signs of economic expansion aided by lower oil prices and the weaker dollar.

But the 34 days between his two governments had a tarnishing effect. The series of parliamentary ambushes that finally brought him down had made stability look a more fragile growth.

The fact that the political battle only concerned who should lead the coalition and not what its policies should be helped to discredit the whole manoeuvre in the eyes of the public.

Few, if any, governments have been formed under the shadow of so bad a press. The politicians have been severely taken to task for conducting power games which had no direct contact with the country's requirements, amidst sceptical dismay from the public.

Signor Craxi has shown that he can respond to the requirements of public opinion, especially in his attempts to provide a basis for political stability and to give the executive more power over an unwieldy parliamentary set-up.

He is also determined to seek a reduction in the use of the secret vote in Parliament, which led his last government to suffer so many defeats when he was least expecting disloyalty from his own coalition ranks.

After the gruelling marathon of his first administration, Signor Craxi must now show whether the appearance of stability he brought was a happy but passing phase, or whether Italy is now set on a long-term course of healthy development.

But first he must cancel the impression of a serious relapse given to the public by the events of the past few weeks.

Panic as banks fail in Kenya

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Two banks and three credit institutions have closed here, creating panic and uncertainty among the new banking and financial institutions which have mushroomed in Kenya in the past few years.

Mismanagement and the diversion of funds to individuals and companies linked with the directors of some of these institutions have been blamed, and President Moi has ordered the Central Bank to take over the management of institutions where depositors' funds are at risk.

The President says those responsible for mismanagement will be required to make good any losses.

The first to run into trouble was the Rural-Urban Finance Corporation, a Kenyan-owned building society and credit finance operator, whose depositors have been trying to withdraw their cash for more than six months.

Last month the Continental Bank of Kenya and an associated finance house closed after the Central Bank withdrew overdraft facilities. Last week the Union Bank of Kenya and the Jimba Credit Corporation closed when the Nairobi Bankers' Clearing House refused to accept Union Bank cheques.

Financial scandal in Malaysia

From M. G. Pillai Kuala Lumpur

Less than a week after the National Front was returned to power in an overwhelming electoral victory, it faces another big financial and political controversy.

The Malaysian Central Bank on Friday froze the assets of 23 deposit-taking co-operatives, with a total membership of 540,000 and 1,400 million Malaysian dollars (about £360 million) in deposits, after public complaints.

Among the 109 directors of these co-operatives whose assets were frozen and passports impounded are two deputy ministers, the president and secretary-general of the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) and several newly-elected members of Parliament including Mr Tan Koon Swan, president of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA).

Adding to the official embarrassment is the fact that many of these co-operatives are controlled or managed by prominent politicians of the ruling coalition. It comes amid controversies surrounding a banking and provident funds scandal, and another over how Mr Daim Zainuddin woo control of a bank while still Minister of Finance.

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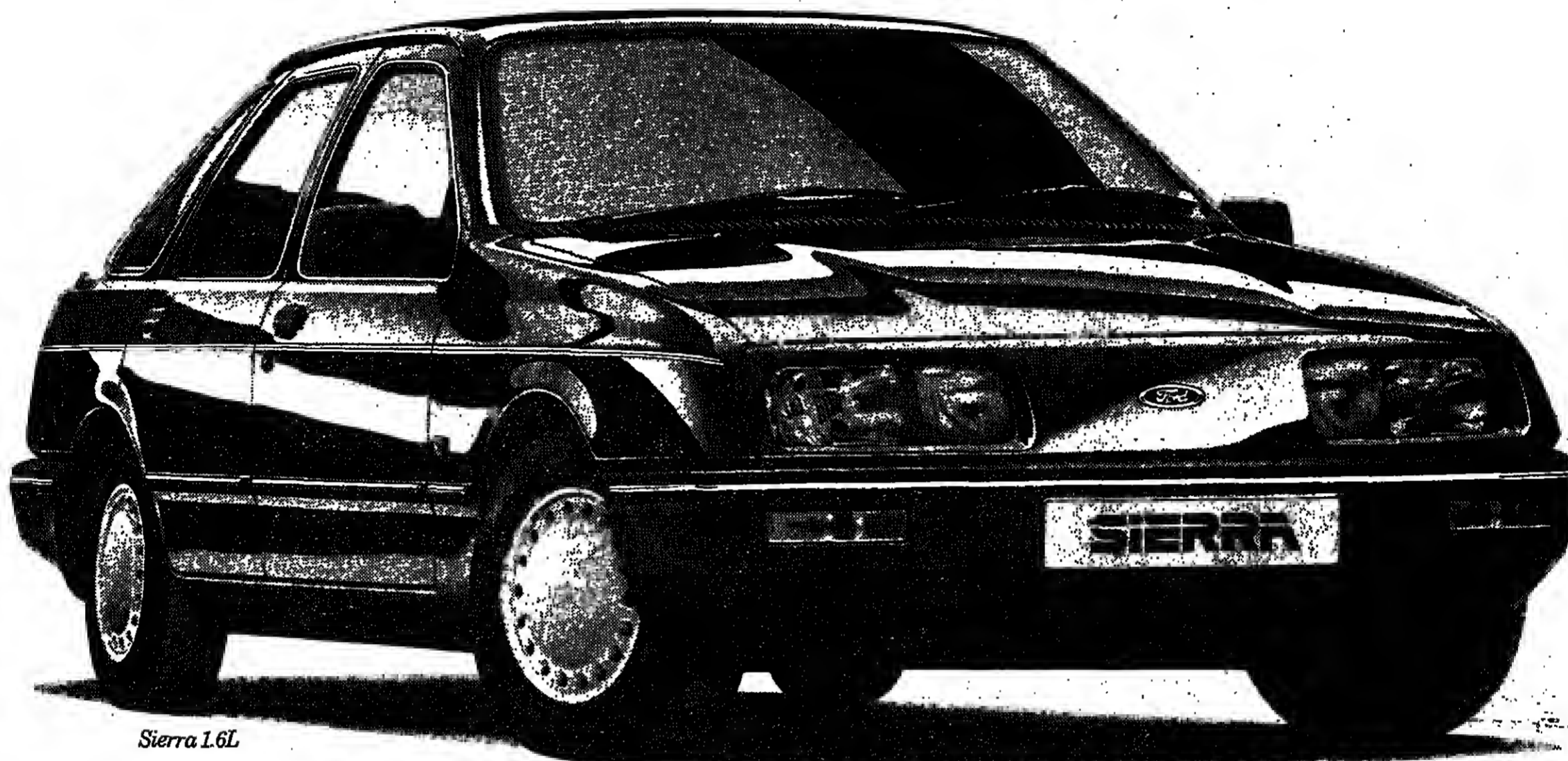
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Nuclear ban leads to isolation

Lange sees loss of military ties with Australia

From Richard Long, Suva, Fiji

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, expects the United States and Australia to take joint action today to isolate New Zealand further as a result of his Government's ban on nuclear warship visits.

Looking ahead last night to today's meeting in San Francisco between Mr Bill Hayden, Australia's Foreign Affairs Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, Mr Lange predicted that the US would try to drive a wedge between Australia and New Zealand on defence issues.

This would come at a time when New Zealand would need to be more dependent on Australia for bilateral defence exercises, he said.

Mr Lange, speaking in Suva, where he is attending a meeting of the South Pacific Forum, said he was not perturbed about the prospect, and it would not change his Government's anti-nuclear policies. He says he will expect Australia to act to maintain its important defence links with Washington.

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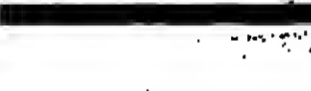
of the USS Buchanan, which sparked the Anzus row. "I would think that there is a possibility that we would, in a bilateral sense, have a greater dependence on Australia for military exercises. It is also conceivable that the United States, depending on what view it took of New Zealand after San Francisco, could well put conditions on Australia which could affect or compromise the ability of Australia to have a military relationship with us.

"I don't have any doubt at all as to what the responsible Australian response to that would be. "It is perfectly plain to me that Australia sees its relationship with the United States militarily as being more important than its relationship with New Zealand militarily. That is the simple fact."

Mr Lange said he would not advise Australia in this case not to jeopardize its relationship with Washington "because it is ridiculous to think that Australia would compromise its security interests to accommodate New Zealand."

Confidence on fishing offer: Meanwhile, after the talks between the 13 leaders of the independent nations of the South Pacific, Mr Lange said there was a new confidence that Washington would come up with a satisfactory offer for fishing rights when talks resume later this year.

This follows years of irritation over the activities of American tuna fishermen in the South Pacific.



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Bishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, with Bishop Ding Guangxun, left, of Shanghai's Community Church, where Bishop Tutu preached yesterday.

Mongolia pact boosts Sino-Soviet thaw

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

The signing of a new consular agreement between China and the Mongolian People's Republic, announced at the weekend, marks a significant step forward in Sino-Soviet relations.

Mongolia, though theoretically an independent country, is under total Soviet political control, and China has long complained that Soviet troops and missiles are stationed there to intimidate her. The Soviet leadership has recently indicated, however, that it may be prepared to withdraw some of its forces from Mongolia, as demanded by Peking.

This is all part of a new Soviet diplomatic offensive aimed at persuading China that she is not under threat from the Soviet side. Mr Gorbachev has even said that there might be a renewal of negotiations on the disputed river frontier between the two countries, where there were clashes in 1969.

Top US arms team in Moscow

Moscow (Reuters) - A group of American negotiators led by Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special adviser on arms control, arrived here yesterday for discussions on nuclear and space weapons which could help to pave the way for a new superpower summit.

Tass said that the talks, starting today, were part of the preparations for a meeting between the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, and the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, in Washington next month.

Mr Shultz and Mr Shevardnadze will be working towards a second summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev, which is due later this year in accordance with the understanding reached when they met in Geneva last year.

However, Mr Shultz, speaking last week, seemed less certain that the two leaders would meet this year, saying that Mr Nitze's mission was to help to get the next round of Geneva arms talks off to a quick start.

Shoppers need a ticket to buy

Peking (Reuters) - A shop in Tianjin, south-east of Peking, has proved so popular that the crush of shoppers broke down the staircase despite their needing to buy tickets to get in.

Western investors find the open-door policy jammed

In the first of two articles on China's economic situation, Robert Gries reports from Peking on the difficulties besetting some joint ventures with Western companies.

"Because you are so old friend, we are awarding you a high priority project," the spokesman of a Chinese industrial group recently told an American banker in Peking. "We want you to finance what will be a very profitable enterprise."

The banker leaned forward with interest in his chair. "What would like you to consider," the Chinese spokesman continued, "is a factory that will produce tyres exclusively for AMC Beijing Jeep."

"I could not believe it," the banker recalled. "They apparently had not heard about the problems AMC Beijing Jeep were having."

It is a joint venture between American Motors Corporation and the China National Automotive Industry Corporation. At the time of the banker's meeting with the Chinese group, the American side of the venture, now in its fourth year, had just appealed to Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, to order its Chinese partners to live up to their contractual obligations to provide spare parts and foreign exchange so that the factory could continue operating.

AMC Beijing Jeep ultimately won its "quick fix" cash infusion, but it may have lost the war. Several Chinese middle-managers reportedly lost so much face over the venture's well-publicized problems that they may never again co-operate with it.

Its problems illustrate why Western investors have soured on China, why the country's 2,645 equity joint ventures - most of them with Hong Kong or overseas Chi-

nese partners - are struggling to break even, and why the Chinese economy, hailed by Peking as the locomotive that drives Mr Deng Xiaoping's political reforms, faces serious problems.

Seven years after Mr Deng, China's elder statesman, and his supporters initiated the open-door policy, many economic managers are still dogmatically inflexible, the work force remains largely unskilled, the costs of doing business have rocketed, and the counted-on heavy infusion of foreign investment has yet to happen.

In the case of AMC Beijing Jeep, the Americans seem to have been unprepared for the

China's economy Part I

difficulties they met. They seem not to have realized that their Chinese partners might want to hoard foreign exchange, or that the Chinese car industry might view a foreign joint venture as competition that must be eliminated.

Nor were they prepared for the high cost of doing business in China. For example, corporate import duties for office supplies and other items average about 300 per cent. The rental for an office suite in Peking's Great Wall Hotel costs \$55,000 a year.

The slowdown in state foreign exchange spending must be considered a key cause of the West's disappointment in the Chinese market. Business possibilities have been severely curtailed as a result.

After spending billions of yuan in foreign exchange to import such consumer items as video cassettes, refrigerators and Japanese cars, the People's Bank of China, its

central bank, curbed foreign exchange expenditures in 1985 in an effort to halt the drain on hard currency reserves and the runaway growth rate of 23 per cent in the first six months of the year.

But unlike the economic slowdown of 1980-1981, after China had drained its foreign exchange reserves to buy turnkey plants that it could not operate, the slowdown of 1986 may not be followed by another period of expansion.

Western economists here say this is because most of the slack in agricultural production has been taken up, and the productivity remaining to be tapped in China's industrial sector must be wrung out at great expense in both the commitment of resources and of labour.

China's State Statistical Bureau recently painted a mixed picture of the economy in the first half of 1986. The good news was that industrial output in the private sector had increased by 18.4 per cent, while grain production, which had dropped 7 per cent in 1985, was up 3.5 per cent to 92 million tonnes. Consumer prices had risen by only 5.5 per cent, as against 8.6 per cent in 1985.

The bad news was that China's trade deficit, which totalled \$6.4 billion (£4.3 billion) in the first half of 1986, was predicted by officials here to grow worse by the end of the year. Last year, China's trade deficit was more than \$14 billion.

Most worrying for Peking has been the fall in foreign investment. Last year, investment commitments in China totalled \$5.85 billion, of which \$1 billion was spent. In the first six months of 1986 commitments have totalled only \$1.24 billion, 20 per cent lower than in the same period last year.

Tomorrow: Political implications

Many deals agreed, fewer started

From 1979 to 1986 in China, 2,645 equity joint ventures have been launched, 4,075 contractual joint ventures and 130 wholly-owned foreign subsidiaries, the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade said.

Only about a third of the equity joint ventures (where a joint company is formed) have begun operations, but the Chinese claim that 90 per cent are profitable.

At the beginning of 1986 the level of foreign investment agreed to by overseas companies since 1979 was \$16 billion (£10.6 billion), but only \$4.6 billion of this had actually been

invested. According to Mr Lin Xiangdong, the ministry's deputy director, foreign investment in the first half of 1986 was \$1.24 billion, a fifth down on the same period last year.

About 80 per cent of the investment so far has been from Hong Kong, and most has been in light industry, textiles and hotels. Little has yet gone into the high technology, energy and transport projects China needs.

The largest single order obtained by Britain in China, valued at £250 million, was for part of the Daya Bay nuclear power station, awarded to the General Electric Company.

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Baby-boomers: first of a three-part series about the people raised on orange juice and flower power

Peter Pan and the mid-life crisis

Children of the population boom after the Second World War grew up amid huge social changes. They have found it hard to shake off their teenage ideals and face up to middle age, as Steve Turner discovers

When John Haney (37), Chris Haney (39) and Scott Abbott (40) set about creating a second set of question cards for Trivial Pursuit, the enormously successful board game which they invented, they decided to make it for "people like us". And people like the three Canadians it turned out were "the baby-boom" generation... people who grew up with the Beatles and television.

These were people who could tell you how many series of *Monty Python* were made, which British folk singer had a guitar labelled "This machine kills", and Kookie Byrnes's trademark act of vanity on *77 Sunset Strip*. The Baby Boomer version of the game, launched in Britain last October, has since sold almost 170,000 copies at about £20 a set.

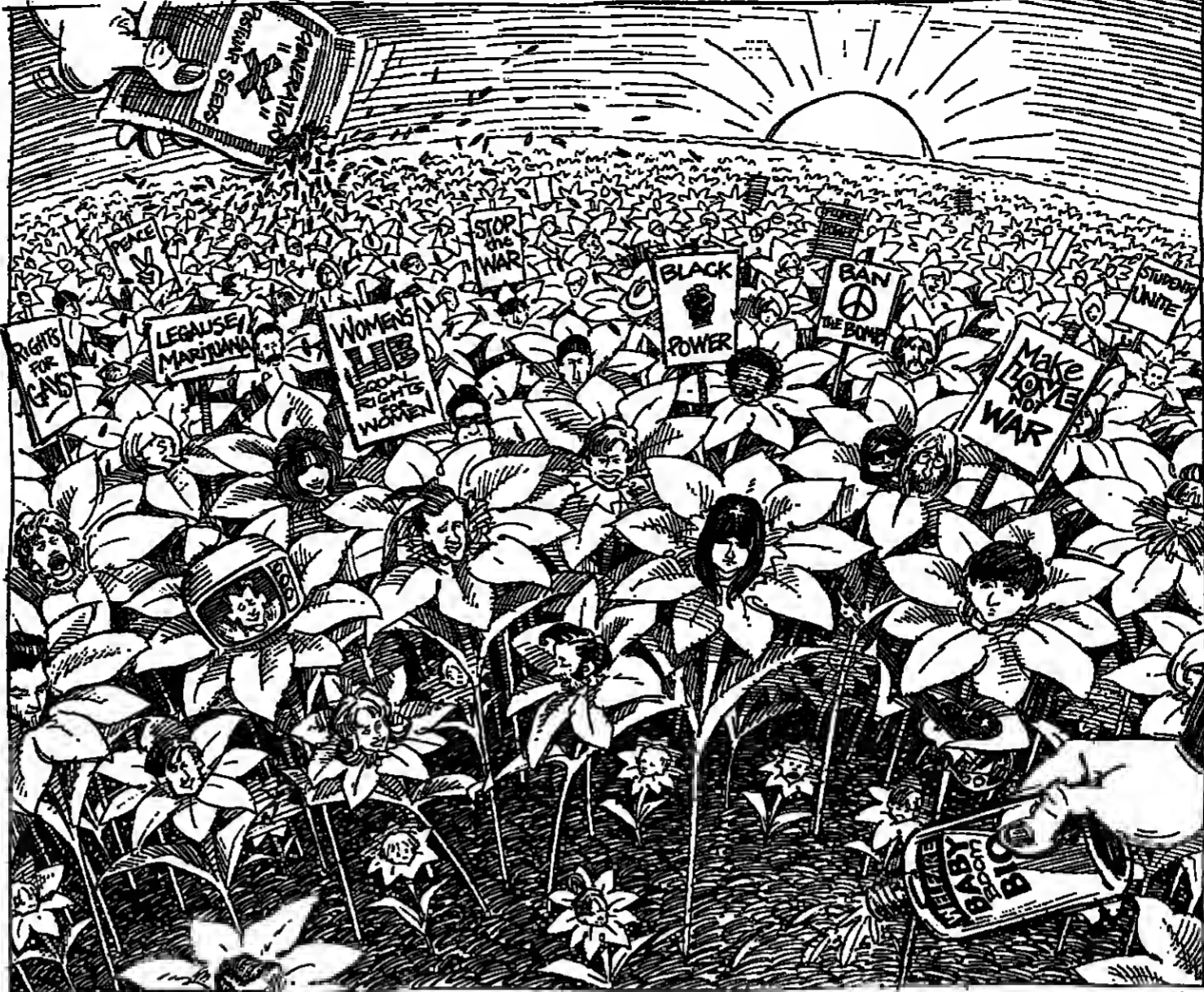
To be a baby-boomer is to belong to that generation born when Johnny came marching home at the end of the Second World War. Four and a half million troops were demobilized, and between 1946 and 1952 more than five million children were born in England and Wales, the birth rate reaching an unprecedented 20.5 per thousand of the population in 1947, falling slowly to a more comfortable 15.3 in 1952.

Right from the beginning, the baby-boom generation found itself on the cutting edge of social change. Its schooling was improved by the 1944 Education Act; the newly-created Welfare State made sure it grew strong on orange juice, cod liver oil and fresh milk, and the end of rationing in 1956 meant that the new consumer society was ready and running for its teenage years.

Professor Arthur Marwick, author of *British Society Since 1945*, observes: "Because there were more of them, they were more influential and they became a market worth aiming at. They were healthier and fitter. They were sexier because with rising living standards, people become more sexually active. They were also more independent."

Their new economic power and better education enabled them to install their own heroes, to create their own culture and force social change. In a 1957 magazine article, Colin MacInnes noted: "Today, youth has money and teenagers have become a power, and Marwick, professor of history at the Open University, confirms his prescience: "The undermining of all social control is older people telling younger people what to do. By 1957 and 1958, young people were no longer prepared to be told what to do and to be sold their parents' fashions."

*The answers to the questions are: 1. Four (three were called Monty Python's Flying Circus); 2. Donovan; 3. He combed his hair.



move from Joan Baez to Joan Collins, from the Ching to Trivial Pursuit: they are more likely to want to work out than freak out. As Perris notes, however, they have "carried their values through". They are no longer conscious of being a generational swell surging through society, but as they take on positions of power their influence

'There was nothing authoritative left to latch on to'

is far greater than when they had only placards and rock music.

Not every graduate of the Sixties though, believes in the lasting benefits of an apparently golden age. Rosie Boycott, aged 35, who founded the feminist magazine *Spare Rib*, was one of the damaged.

After leaving college in 1967 her life traced the arc of alternative culture from youthful hope to adult disillusion: anti-Vietnam war demos, rock at the Roundhouse, a pilgrimage to San Francisco, work for the underground press, marijuana, LSD, heroin, increasingly casual sex, feminism, lesbianism, collectivism, meditation in Bangalore with Sai Baba and in Boulder with Trungpa Rinpoche, jailed for drug smuggling in Malaya and

eventual alcoholism by the age of 30. "It was a very rudderless time", she admits. "There was nothing authoritative left to latch on to. There were one hell of a lot of casualties and I think there are a lot who in a way haven't recovered and who find themselves coming up to 40, having had an extended youth during which nothing much was achieved."

"I think that being a baby-boomer means that ultimately you are more dissatisfied. We were naive, we were irresponsible, but it was meant from the heart and it obviously hasn't worked. As a consequence, things are never quite good enough for us."

"What happens is that you are put back into a responsible life, a responsible role. You can't escape a lot of the things you thought you could escape and at the same time you actually haven't put anything new into place. We are all still strapped with bloody mortgages and worrying about the TV licence. We were offered a big carrot which we never quite caught hold of."

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TOMORROW

Baby-boomers seemed set to change the world. Where did it go wrong?

As is recognized by Trivial Pursuit, a vital unifying factor for baby-boomers is that they all spent part of their adolescence in the Sixties — when, besides being observers of the sort of people David Bailey photographed, they themselves had a starring role. Their choices of skirt length, trouser width, hairstyle and drug became front-page news.

The old ideas of children being seen and not heard had gone forever. Hamblett and Deverson's *Generation X*, published in 1964, consisted of extracts from vox-pop interviews with people in their teens and early twenties. Three years later, *World In Action* solemnly filmed Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones being quizzed by a bishop, a lord, a Jesuit priest and the editor of *The Times*. "When people are interested in you, it gives you a sense of power and a sense of independence", Marwick says.

What, then, of the baby-boomers today, as the oldest of them pass the 40 mark? How is the generation which wanted to be forever young and forever free coping with making families and being middle-aged? The answer is "badly", according to Anna Raeburn, the advice columnist, and Renata Olin, the London Marriage Guidance Council's director.

Both say that what might be called the "lifestyle options" created in the Sixties have brought confusion to the Eighties. "As a society, we pressed for the options", Olin says. "Now, having got all these choices, one would hope that people would be very much happier. But the evidence shows the opposite."

Raeburn says of her own generation: "We love having choices, but we can't make decisions. We were the first generation prepared to

'We love having choices but can't make decisions'

accept that we wouldn't be good at marriage." Statistics confirm her pessimism: more than 600,000 baby-boomers were divorced between 1974 and 1984 in England and Wales.

Most of those seeking help from the London Marriage Guidance Council are from the baby-boom generation, more than a third of them unmarried but living with a partner. Olin says a typical client is a woman approaching her mid-30s (and wanting a child) who is with a man who is shy of long-term commitment. "They have a relationship that is neither ecstatic nor dreadful. They're struggling to come to a right decision."

For similar reasons, Raeburn believes her generation usually

make lousy parents. "They don't like the responsibility. They don't want to be like their own parents. They renege on everything. The most I'd give them would be five out of 10."

Part of the problem seems to lie with the significance given to being young in the Sixties. Growing children and ageing partners can be a unwanted reminder of the passing years. Baby-boomers often shed their families in a vain attempt to regain their youth.

An American psychologist, Dr Dan Kiley, has named this the "Peter Pan Syndrome"; its victims are people who are adults by age but children by behaviour, marked by obsessive self-interest and a fear of growing up. Dr Kiley attributes the phenomenon to easier living, more permissive child-rearing and the recent change in male-female roles.

"The idea developed in the Sixties that youth was not something to pass through on the way to adulthood but something to stay in", Dr Kiley says. "Those who bought this view are now demonstrating the problems they're having by the divorce rate. They want to get new toys they don't have to work at. It's a form of consumerism, and you're getting an increasing amount of depression and alcoholism in this age group."

The positive aspect of this rush back to youth is the new enthousiasm for jogging, pumping iron,

aerobics, squash, vitamin supplements and health food, all of it essentially created by baby-boomers. The average participant in the Mars London Marathon was born in 1947. *Rolling Stone*, once the house journal of the baby boom, now advertises running shoes, Nautilus weight-lifting machines and skin conditioning gel where it used to show drug paraphernalia.

The baby-boomer can never quite forget the horrifying prospect that middle age was made out to be during the years of his or her youth. Mick Jagger had called it a drag, Pete Townshend of The Who had hoped to die before he got there. A not untypical 19-year-old contributor to *Generation X* said: "Old people are ridiculous, they're phoney. Everything they do is false." Therefore the baby-boomer is determined to grow old in an entirely different way.

Saatchi and Saatchi's John Perris says: "In this country the most significant factor about the baby-boomers has been their reluctance to give up their youthfulness. They've introduced diet consciousness and the whole 'looking good' thing. They've been responsible for making Joan Collins a sex symbol at 53. A 40-year-old today looks a lot better than a 40-year-old of 20 years ago."

So the baby-boomers have

eventual alcoholism by the age of 30.

China remembers her martyrs

While Peking woos America and Taiwan, a concentration camp museum keeps alive the memories of a 1949 imperialist atrocity

The grey walls topped by barbed wire and thatched machine-gun towers are almost lost in the verdant undergrowth of the mountains near the Yangtze river city of Chongqing. They enclose a former Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) compound called Zhazhidong, which will not be found in any guidebooks, although it is now a museum.

Forty years ago Zhazhidong, part of a sprawling area known as the Sino-American Co-operation Centre, was notorious as a US-backed Kuomintang concentration camp that held 300 communist prisoners. On the night of November 27, 1949, just before communist forces gained control of Chongqing, Chiang Kai-shek's wartime stronghold, Kuomintang military secret service agents under the command of General Dai Li put to death all of the camp's prisoners (except 15 who escaped) and burned the compound to the ground.

In the 1960s Zhazhidong and another Kuomintang camp nearby called Baigongguan were reconstructed and turned into museums exhibiting nationalist atrocities, attracting millions of Chinese visitors. Today the carefully preserved camps underscore the government's dilemma. As Peking courts Taiwan in a propaganda campaign aimed at convincing the Republic of China to become part of mainland China, and woos US firms to invest more money in Chinese joint ventures, it continues to tell the Chinese masses that the nationalists are monsters and that Americans are imperialists and reactionaries.

Ironically, far from being a centre of leftism, Chongqing, the largest city in the Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's home

province of Szechwan, is a stronghold of Dengism. And the location of these so-called anti-Kuomintang and anti-imperialist museums there may mean that the Dengists are in two minds about how to present the west, and China's recent history, to her one billion people.

The horror of Zhazhidong lingers in the narrow cells and province of Szechwan, is a few years ago, the exhibition was taken to Peking for a successful showing for several weeks in 1984.

According to a Chinese pamphlet entitled "Brief introduction of the historical facts concerning the Sino-American Co-operation Organization concentration Camp, Chongqing", US and Kuomintang organizers set up 22 special training centres throughout China where they armed and trained more than 50,000 nationalist military spies and through which they provided more than 9,000 tons of equipment to the nationalist military secret service.

The pamphlet lists the US field officer in charge of the centre — in effect General Dai Li's deputy director — as M.E. Miles. Milton "Mary" Miles (1900-1961), a Chinese-speaking graduate of the US Naval Academy and later an admiral in the US Navy, had visited China in the 1920s and 1930s before being sent by the Navy in the early 1940s to run covert operations against the Japanese along China's east coast.

It was Miles who pushed hardest for US co-operation with the nationalist military secret service in Chongqing. In 1942 Chiang Kai-shek directed Dai Li to contact Miles about the possibility of US advisers training nationalist agents to fight against the Japanese. Just a few months later, in July 1943, the centre was formally established. But most US officials quickly became disenchanted with the way Kuomintang spies pursued

Chinese communists rather than Japanese invaders. Their dispatches, filled with doubts and warnings, were either overruled by President Franklin Roosevelt or intercepted directly by Kuomintang agents.

On the other side of the mountains from Zhazhidong, Miles's rambling, 15-room house still stands high on a hill near several Kuomintang villas, commanding a sweeping view of the railroad tracks that once brought prisoners to the camps.

This summer the house is being renovated by Chinese labourers. The workers say that they do not really know who Miles was, or why the house is so special, although they know how to pronounce his name. They have been told only that the house they are repairing will be reopened later this year as a museum.

Robert Grievess

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Bull and bravado brigade

There is stamina as well as precision and presentation to Prince Philip's favourite pastime

If the Queen's Cleveland Bays, when they stir in their stables on Wednesday morning, are expecting no more than another genteel bridal trot to the Abbey, they are in for a shock.

Along with 200 of the finest carriage-horses in the world, they will be heading for Ascot for the World Team Driving Championships. If they win, either as an individual team or as part of the official British entry, it will be a just reward for their driver, Prince Philip, because it was he who virtually invented the sport as it is organized today: an unlikely blend of bull and bravado.

The haul is in the presentation section, where drivers are judged on the appearance of their four horses, carriages and harnesses. Presentation judges make sergeant majors look like social workers; they even count the buttons on groom's tail-coats.

The bravado comes on Marathon Day (Saturday) when the same horses and drivers are tested to their limits over a 25-mile, cross-country course containing obstacles and awkward terrain. To be wrongly positioned by a couple of inches can sometimes prevent a team from clearing an obstacle. It is like squeezing four camels (and a carriage) through the eyes of a row of needles.

Driving also attracts an unusual blend of people. When the members of the British team are announced tomorrow morning the Duke of Edinburgh may find him-



Prince Philip: Help from Concord's designers

self displaced by either a plant-hire contractor from Dorking, Alwyn Holder, or a scrap dealer from Cumbria, George Bowman. It takes £30,000 a year to keep a team competitive; sponsors provide much of that.

It is no sport for the weak. There is the physical stress, the sheer pull on the reins and the swiftness with which the fingers must move to accomplish the most basic of manoeuvres (seven finger and wrist movements for a left-hand turn). But it is the mind which tires before the limbs and the winning driver next weekend will be the one who can still think faster than his horses when they cross the finishing line.

The strength of partnership between horse and driver cannot be appreciated until it fails. I was riding as groom in a driving championship a few years ago when one of our horses took fright at the unexpected depth of the water-hazard and brought the team to a tumbling halt. Horses fell and kicked out as they desperately struggled to keep their heads above water. We had to cut the animals from the harness.

Accidents will happen in competition as intense as this. Drivers are being pushed to the limit and even Prince Philip is said to have consulted the Concord-design team about the ideal weight distribution for carriages.

Paul Heiney

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The criticism has come from those quarters of the literary establishment which detect a reductive influence at work in the selection and marketing of *Through A Glass Darkly*. To them the book is the epitome of a new style of novel increasingly in demand among publishers who can no longer afford to bet on the long-odds outsiders, once an integral part of the skill of publishing. A book, in short, whose main quality is that it can be marketed with the high-cost hype prevalent in television and films.

'It was my husband who saw me through'

world rights, serialization rights, book club rights and sundry other rights, the advance has turned the unknown author into a millionairess before a single copy of the book (published today) has been sold. And that is before film rights, which could be considerable.

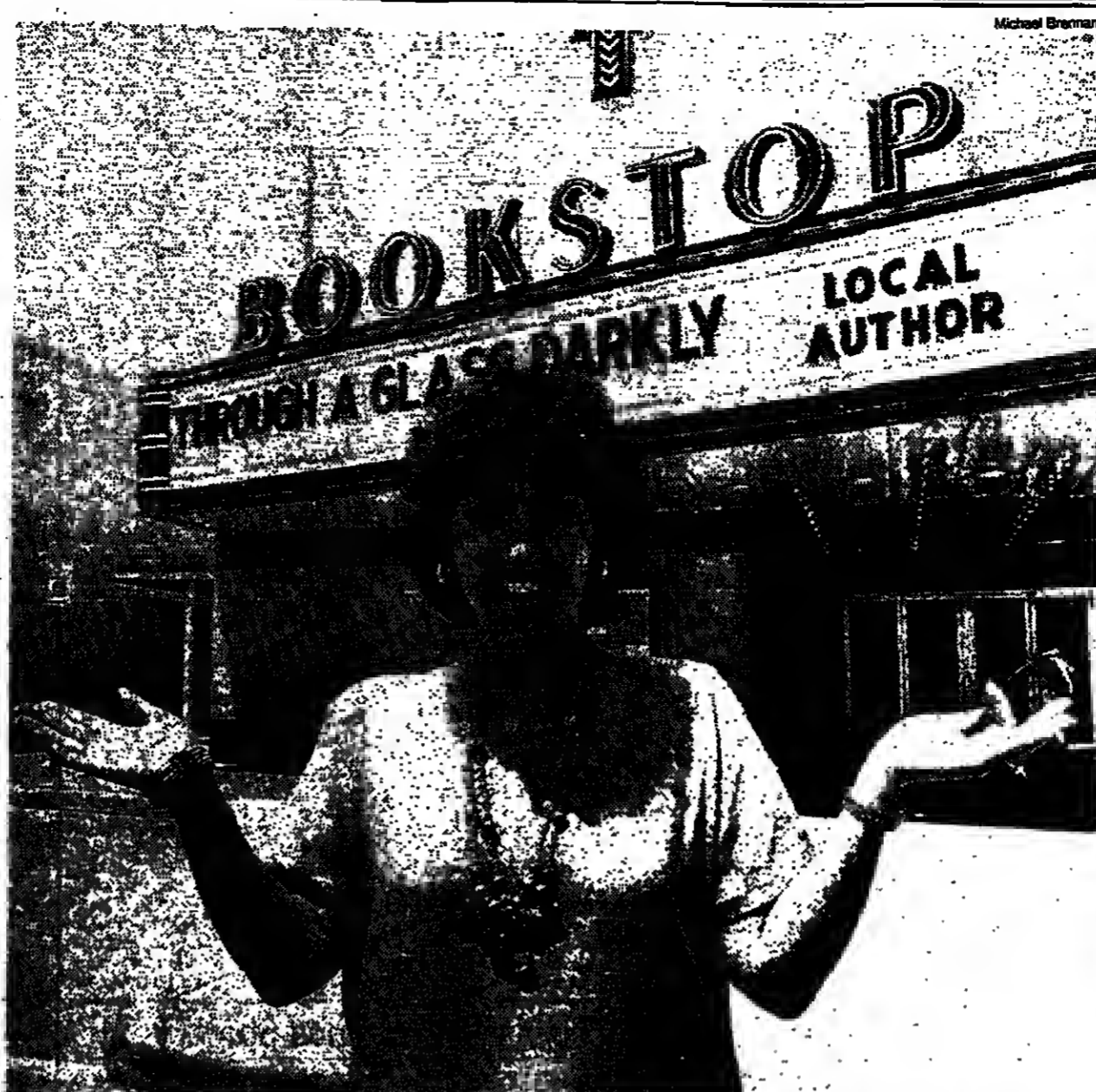
Her publishers are talking about it as another *Gone With The Wind*, which was an epic in the financial as well as the literary and cinematic sense. Koen is delighted: "I don't mind being a blockbuster," she says in sardonic, rather elegant Southern tones which suggest that the reality of it will never quite filter through to her unassuming single-story home in a wealthy Houston suburb. "I've put the money in the bank, though, and not touched it."

It is easy to believe that new-found wealth will change her life but little. Life is comfortable already. All around her are the luxuries which flow from the "mid six-figure income" produced by her husband's shrewd handling of his oil and construction investments.

"I'm not a genius but on the other hand I was not writing just to make money. I tried to create a story that people could dive into, lose themselves, and at the end say 'Oh, I did enjoy that.'"

Koen, level-headed as she is, was clearly not prepared for the maelstrom into which her book has pitched her. She began to write it five years ago when her son was 18 months old and her daughter was seven. Until then she had been editor of one of Houston's glossy magazines, *Home and Garden*.

"I had done the whole Superwoman thing, even having my son brought to the office so that I could breast-feed him between conferences. I just decided it was too much



Texas chainstore massacre: Karleen Koen has enough faith in herself and her blockbuster to counter her critics

and gave up work. Writing a book was my husband's idea—it seemed like something I could combine easily with looking after the children."

Without considering any other genre she began an historical novel set in the 18th century—the staple diet of her reading as a child in Pasadena. "It was a dull old chemical town. You needed to escape. I read the Poldark books by Winston Graham. Daphne du Maurier was another of my favourites. Ever since my college days I had had a fascination with the 18th century. I didn't need to think about what I was going to write."

The plot is described on the back of the book as "the grandest love story ever told." For Roger Montgoffry, the handsome and talented Earl of Devane "it was simply a marriage of convenience. How could he know, as he weighed the obstacles to the match against her birth and fortune, that his chosen bride, Barbara Alderley, bewitching granddaughter of his friend and hero, the great Duke of Tamworth - had loved him fiercely since childhood?"

"But as Barbara comes to the very brink of her heart's desire a devastating secret from his past shatters her trust to fragments. From the melow fragrance of rural England to the opulent stew of depravity that is the French court, the 18th century lives in its pages, lit up by a love of shattering intensity."

background fostered in her a need for accuracy to even the smallest detail. She began to spend days at Rice University sifting through volumes which had not been opened in some cases for decades.

"I read cookery books of the time, books on etiquette and manners, on folklore and superstitions, as well as a lot of standard history and biography."

By the time the book was published she had read more than 300 works of reference and had established an extensive card index on the period. Her concern for detail became obsessive, even to the point of

'I tried to create a story people could dive into'

consulting contemporary almanacs for the time the sun had risen on a particular day in 1721. It gave precision to a dawn love scene.

Her assiduousness was rewarded. When the Finnish publishers submitted her manuscript to an historian of the period he could not find a single error of fact. Rosemary Sutcliffe, doyenne of historical novelists, described the book as "an incredibly potent evocation of the 18th century."

If the research brought pleasure to Karleen Koen, the

writing did not. "It was totally different from the sort of thing I'd been doing as a journalist. Mood, dialogue, tempo, structure—all were different. My ability as an editor made me painfully aware of just how bad my writing was. It was humiliating."

Two novels withered in the early stages. The third went through three complete drafts before she submitted it to an agent whose name she'd found in a reference book.

"Constantly I wanted to give up. I knew it wasn't right. I would go into screaming depressions. It was my husband who saw me through. Each time, he said: 'If you know it's not right you can fix it—it's only when you don't know that there's nothing more you can do.'"

"As I was into the third draft he asked me if I thought it would help if I went to Europe to look at some of the places I was writing about. I said yes, though I probably would have said that even if I didn't think so."

After an eight-day, break-neck tour of London and Paris, in which she saw St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Ham House, Chiswick House and Versailles, the third draft finally began to take on the feel she wanted.

If the finished product still wears its research a little ostentatiously on its sleeve, Koen feels it to be immeasurably better than the early work. "I felt I had done my best. I could have given more only by

cutting my wrists and pouring blood on to the page."

She never doubted that it would be published. "I am a good editor. I knew it was a good editor. But I never thought it would take off like this. Now all I have to do is wait to see if it is the success everyone is hoping it will be."

Her husband, Edward, regards that as a foregone conclusion—a simple return on an investment. "When she stopped work she was earning \$37,000 a year. In five years she would have made \$300,000 anyway. She's just getting what she deserves."

Karleen Koen smiles at the notion. However well the book sells, the advances alone will ensure that she now has the freedom to carry on writing as she wishes. Her heroine is being transported for the sequel to a New World plantation in Virginia. After that she has already planned a "prequel" which will tell the story of her heroine's aristocratic grandmother.

"I hope I can tell some good stories. That's an honourable intention. In the coming weeks there will be a lot of razzamataz. There will be a lot of nonsense talked about how brilliant it is and a lot of mean-spirited criticism. I will try to keep a sense of perspective. I've worked hard on it. I'm proud of it. But in the end it's only a book."

Through A Glass Darkly is published by Macdonald at £10.95.

Bouncer, banker or best woman?

During the space of a single week, I learnt that a woman receptionist at the Park Lane night club in Coventry had won a £750 settlement for being sacked because "as a woman she would not be able to deal with the increase in violent customers"; that male executives are buying a keyboard game called Master-Type so that they can handle their computers as deftly as a woman can; and that a bridegroom's sister was allowed to be his best man but was barred from his stag party in case blue jokes thickened the air.



PENNY PERRICK

There seems to be a bit of role confusion around here. Mrs Claire Caturu, who wanted to stay at the Park Lane night club and deal with difficult customers through sweet reason rather than chucking them out of the door was unlucky to be given the heave-ho herself. It is now generally thought that women should be allowed to be lumberjacks and bouncers and firefighters — or bodies like the Equal Opportunities Commission will want to know the reason why.

Employers are increasingly happy with this arrangement because history has shown that women work not cheaper. When did you last meet a rich nurse?

All those executives desperately playing typing games so that they can shape the corporate world from their terminal had better learn keyboard skills fast before women start muscling in. Once this happens managers may see their jobs go the same way as bank clerks' and teachers'.

An American study by the National Academy of Sciences discovered that when women entered a professional field, earnings tended to drop not only for the women themselves but also for their male colleagues.

No wonder the *Wall Street Journal* reported that "men at the top feel uncomfortable with women beside them". Their discomfort could be because they can see the end of the days of wine and roses and Gucci briefcases as soon as a woman merchant banker becomes as common a sight as a female telephonist.

It is strange that this has come about since men's salaries are based on "the family wage" and presumably their families don't disappear just because Daddy's company has started to recruit Mummies.

Mummies, in these divorce-prone days, may even have to raise their children all by themselves.

Yet the fact that working women have "commitments" seems to have become the love that dare not speak its name. Studies of women in management by Aileen Jacobson and Patricia McBroom found that married women with career ambitions had to be careful not to refer to husbands, children or home while at work.

How unfair since working men are allowed to keep smirking stud photographs of the wife and kiddies on their desk and bore for England on the subject of the baby's teething troubles.

Perhaps there is a worldwide conspiracy on the part of the employers which insists that all career women behave as if they were single. They can then be paid a "spinster's wage" which will also be offered to male employees so that nobody can complain about unequal pay.

Clearly, working practices leave something to be desired. But it is no use anyone thinking that they can call it a day, slink off to be a full-time housewife again and find true happiness. Most of the opposition to ERA (the Equal Rights Amendment) came not from men fearing for their jobs but from housewives fearing for their social position.

They felt that things had come to an unhappy pass when they had to admit, shamefacedly, to other women, that they were "only a housewife".

Perhaps they would feel better about it if they could add that they put in the odd stint as best man.

Learning from the language of children

There is an ordered development even in baby talk. A new book will help parents to appreciate the subtle changes

The wonderful world of children's language is a source of endless fascination to parents and doting relatives. It has also captivated Professor David Crystal, whose new book is a guide to help parents understand a child's seemingly jumbled grammar. When Crystal founded the *Journal of Child Language* in 1975, he had a surprised leter saying, "This is hardly a complicated matter. Surely all that children do is imitate their parents. Why is that so surprising?" The view was widespread.

A good deal of research has been done since and broad philosophical questions about the roots of language itself have been raised by thinkers such as Noam Chomsky. Crystal says, "The debate on whether language-learning is an innate or a deductive skill keeps scholars happy for ages. But so far, the research isn't reaching the people who might enjoy it most — the parents."

Because the parents of babies and young children are, almost by definition, people who are too busy to plough through Chomsky and learned journals, Crystal set out to build his bridge: a simple and readable account of precisely what we know about the process.

There is far more to it than word-by-word imitation. Every parent realizes this when a child begins to extrapolate from one observed rule into other situations: for example, to say "mouses" when nobody has ever used such a plural; or like my son at 18 months, to form present participles out of new words, when a gusty day produced the word "wind-ing".



Grammar schooling: Professor Crystal and his son Ben

Children dissect language with great efficiency, and the best way to observe how they do it is to listen to their mistakes. A new talker may remove the indefinite article even from places where it should stay ("I want my *nother* teddy"); but the very mistake is proof that he or she has taken in the exact function of that indefinite article.

In fact, my son's "wind-ing" turns out to be not precocious but entirely typical: one of the newer pieces of research in the book details the usual order in which children learn different word-endings. First there is -ing, then the preposition in, then on, then the -s plural, then the irregular past tense forms like went, and so on.

Crystal says there is remarkable consistency in the order of learning. So is there something about a continuing present tense which makes it particularly important to mental development, and why should it be more important than on?

Psychological reason", Crystal says. Parents are familiar with the process which goes from vocal play (coo, goo, and "raspberries"), through reduplicated babbling (gagagagaga), to sing-song scribble talk, to the "proto-word" a child invents to mean anything it wants (Everything was a "Duck-a" to my daughter for weeks, including the duck).

But there are oddities. Babbling, for instance, is not something which "shades into speech", as used to be thought; deaf children babble. Down's children babble, plenty of children go on doing it after they can speak. In contrast to the puritanical 1960s trend which condemned baby-talk, Crystal approves of "parentese": the

20,000 or 30,000 words which children use every day.

In fact, he is against any parental bossiness. If a child says, "I bit my sausage", the trick is to say, "Yes, I hit mine, too." Clues, not reproaches, work.

The book, and the babble of my own household, confirmed above all that a miraculous capacity little children have for getting grammatical constructions right; and how keen they are to learn them.

My daughter, at two, seldom answers yes; she prefers the game of picking out the verb in the question and repeating it: "Would you like a drink?" gets "I would"; "Shall we go out?" — "We shall"; "Did you go to Granny's?" — "I did". Just as children like engines and want to know how they go, they clearly like language: why not teach them how it works?

Crystal is optimistic. "There was a reaction against grammar in the 1950s and 1960s, and schools chucked it out. People have now realized that there was a lot of waffle in the 'creative' approach, and I think that schools are trying to bring grammar alive now with colour and cartoons. It is coming back in a less dreary form."

Crystal recommends keeping a taped and written record of a child's progress "like a photograph album". He adds, "Everyone is thrilled at a child's first word, but it's no less fascinating to hear the first intonation pattern, the first two-word sentence, the first use of pronouns. The more we know about the details of language development, the more there is to delight in."

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Searching
answers

The Liberals have rumbled a dastardly Conservative Central Office plot to expose policy differences between Alliance candidates. They have been warned that Smith Square has sent local Conservative associations a list of searching questions on Alliance policy to put to Liberal and SDP candidates and representatives. The issues range from the successor to Pörlaris and the future of independent schools, to private health care and coalition with a minority Labour government. The replies are then to be sent to Central Office for comparison against one another and the public line of the parties. To save Central Office the boredom of reading 600 identical replies forwarded by their local clutches I suggest they write to Peter Knowson direct. As Liberal research director he has furnished candidates with a complete set of standard answers to each question.

Out of order

Environment minister Lord Elton must sometimes wonder if the rewards of high office compensate for its duties. Last week civil servants arranged for Layang-Layang, a two-year-old Asian elephant, to greet him when he visited London Zoo to sign a preservation order on a 1923 red telephone box near the parrot house. After posing for the usual Minister Makes Trunk Call photographs, Elton entered the kiosk and lifted the receiver to his ear. At this point he heard the familiar British Telecom sound; nothing. As the parrots cawed mockingly, he feverishly pretended to make a call from the out-of-order box, failing to notice that Layang-Layang had gnawed through his jacket pocket.

Oxford bagged

The once hallowed Oxford Union, nursery of statesmen, has plunged into the 20th century with a vengeance. It has signed a lucrative deal with an American public relations firm, National Media Incorporated, to televise up to eight union debates this coming academic year. The contract may help remedy the union's financial difficulties, but it won't do its reputation for political impartiality much good. For NMI is a sister company of another Washington firm, Black Manafort Stone & Water, the Republican party's political consultants. Most freshers suffer a string of 1988 Republican presidential hopefuls commanding the dispatch box next term? Union president Angus McCullough insists that the choice of motions and speakers will remain with him.

BARRY FANTONI



'Funny thing. No sooner do you fill in one application to join the Oxford Tory party, than you want to fill in another.'

Peace lesson

The government is sending a lovely-neighbourhood lesson, first issued to schools throughout unified Ireland in 1835, to every school in Ulster next term. Dr Brian Mahoney, the NIO education minister, thinks the "General Lesson" — once a compulsory part of the syllabus and hung in every classroom — is still relevant. It reads, in part: "Many men hold erroneous doctrines but we ought not to hate or persecute them. We ought to hold fast to what we are convinced is the truth but not to treat harshly those who are in error. Jesus Christ did not intend to be forced on men by violent means..."

Mil-stone

The Merseyside Euro-MP Les Huckfield is reported to be Militant's choice to replace Robert Kilroy-Silk in Knowsley North. Can the Tendancy be aware of an allegation in a new book, *The March of Militant*, to be published next month? Author Michael Crick claims that in his youth Huckfield campaigned against Trotskyism in the West Midlands Labour Party Young Socialists. He adds that in 1978, as a junior minister, Huckfield went to see John Gidding at the Department of Employment with a list of people whom he believed to be Militant full-timers and suggested that Gidding "might like to investigate" whether any of them were also claiming state benefits. When Crick made the charge in his first Militant book two years ago, Huckfield was so incensed by the implication that his political changed according to a libel convenience that he started a libel action. Crick, however, produced a statement from Gidding substantiating his account, and the action was dropped. Huckfield now refuses to comment. PHS

For those of us who love the Church of England, these are sad and confusing times. In a world threatened by the danger of a nuclear holocaust, already engulfed in mass starvation in the developing world and mass unemployment in the developed world; in a world with the tragedy of South Africa and at home rising drug addiction, marriage breakdown, inner-city riots and at the same time an explosion in the membership of fringe and sometimes suspect religions, the Church of England's response is a threatened split over the ordination of women.

Most Christian laymen cannot understand why, if women can be monarchs, prime ministers, judges, surgeons, scientists, they must be prevented from celebrating Holy Communion and marriages. It is little wonder that, to many, the church is seen as an irrelevant religious club and no more than a sideshow that can put on a colourful performance at national tribal rites like royal weddings. Only the amazing exploits of Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's foreign affairs adviser, seem to put the church in a good public light. Of course there is outstanding and faithful work being done by priests and laity here and there, often in very difficult circumstances, although some are left in their posts too long by an apparently uncaring church. But as two recent reports — Faith in the City and Rural Anglicanism — show, good work is the exception rather than the rule. For me, the Faith in the City report, calling upon the church to switch resources to inner-city areas, is particularly ironical.

Twenty-five years ago, when I was rector of the South London riverside parish of Woolwich and dean of Greenwich, my staff and I

Time for the church to adapt or die

by the Rev Nicholas Stacey

actually did the very things which are now being recommended by the report, creating strong, well staffed, multi-purpose ecumenical church centres which reach out and serve the local community. But we were criticized and condemned for our radical approach. In the intervening years the church has not just retreated from the inner city, it has stampeded from it, so that today there are less than half the clergy working in the deanery of Greenwich than there in my day.

Today we have, on the one hand, a suffocatingly complacent ecclesiastical parliament, a church near dead in the inner city, a fast-dying church in the country areas but still struggling on in suburbia; a church that gives the impression it does not know what it believes. But on the other hand we also have a church which still generates much goodwill — a recent parliamentary rowing regatta on the Thames raised £50,000 for St Margaret's Church, Westminster — and a nation which shows all the signs of desperately needing the spiritual underpinning that faith can give.

It could of course be that God wants the church, which has

served the nation reasonably well over the centuries, to die in its present form so that it may be raised up to new life in a different form, to serve a very different kind of society. It could be that the organized church is like a drug addict or alcoholic and not until it is in the gutter of despair will it see the need to radically change its habits. It could therefore be that we have no alternative but to watch and pray as things get worse. If that is the case it is hardly surprising that young men of vision, ability and energy do not see themselves called to the priestly ministry.

I have no slick solutions, but I have four convictions: **●** The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ is even more needed today than it has ever been in a country like ours, where the material needs of most, but by no means all, people are met.

● The leadership for change must come from the Archbishop of Canterbury himself, supported by his fellow bishops. It will not come from the clericalized laity who serve the church synods and boards. The bishops are now so frightened about possible splits in the church over the ordination of

women that they get motions at the last synod withdrawn so that they could reassess the situation. Perhaps this could be the opening of a new chapter when, instead of huffing and puffing, they give a firm, strong and decisive corporate lead, not only on the ordination of women but on the many other important issues which confront the church.

● The changes required will have to be what church people will consider as being very radical. Clergy will have to be retrained, some will have to take early retirement, freeholds will have to be modified, resources re-deployed. A new drive, enthusiasm, energy and urgency will have to be injected into the archaic ecclesiastical machine. I can hear the archbishop and his advisers saying this is worldly talk rather than Kingdom talk, but I fear that so-called Kingdom talk is often no more than an excuse for doing nothing.

● The religious club type churchman will find the changes very painful. But those millions of baptised Anglicans who vaguely consider themselves as being believers and who would like to get more involved — if they were not so put off by the church — would welcome them. I think we may have to face the fact that — however dynamic the leadership, however much the bishops stand together in support of the archbishop — the church, as we have known it, will not revive, not least because the church's vast endowments enable it to stagger along, however impoverished in spirit it is. But we must not lose heart, for, in the end, God has it all under control. He is not mocked. His purpose will prevail. His love will triumph. His Kingdom will come in earth, as it is in heaven. Adapted from a sermon given yesterday at Canterbury Cathedral

Michael Hamlyn on the fresh sectarian crisis the Gurkhas pose India

Gandhi rouses a Bengal tiger

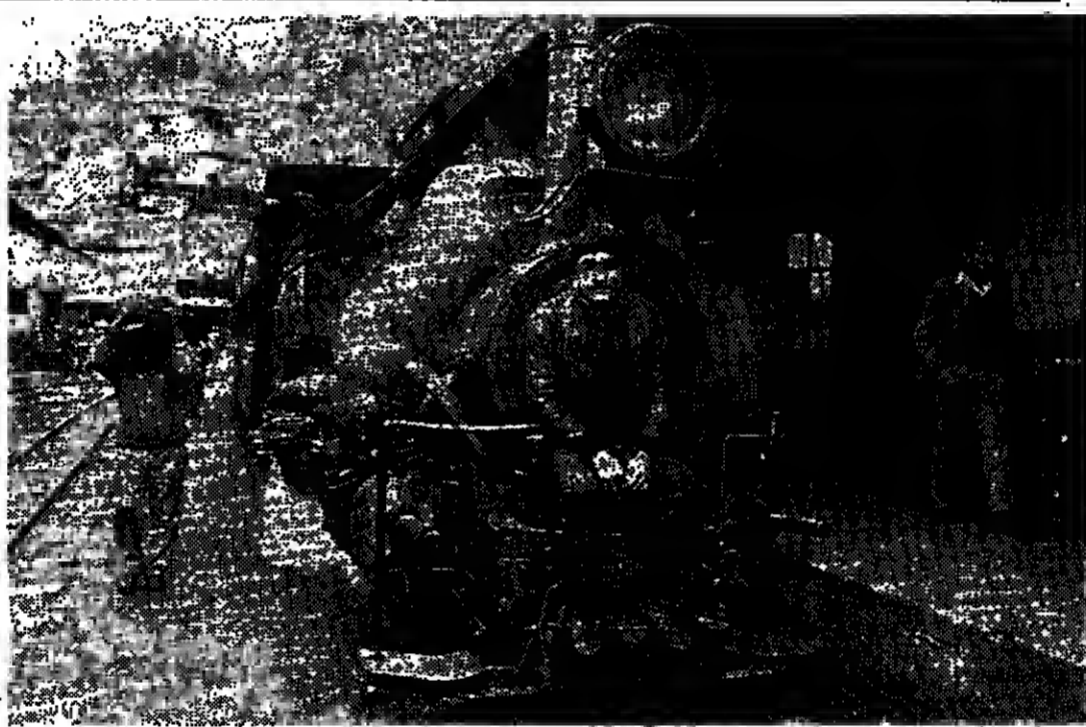
Darjeeling There is a curious irony in that, while the sturdy hill-men of India's Gurkha regiment patrol the streets of Delhi to keep the Hindus and Sikhs from each other's throats, Sikhs in jungle green have been keeping the peace around the Gurkhas of Darjeeling.

For here, in the district around the British-built hill-station, where the mean temperature is never more than a degree or two above London's, the latest in this country's appalling ethnic disputes has already killed around 25 people by official count and between 30 and 40 by a more informal calculation. The situation, according to Bal Gopalan, the district magistrate, is at present under control, "but far from normal".

It is less than four months since the agitation took its present turn, so this is, in a sense, the first ethnic crisis faced by Rajiv Gandhi's government which cannot be blamed on any previous administration. Gandhi's abilities may well be judged by the way the dispute continues.

Of course, a certain amount of blame-shifting is going on. The central government and Gandhi's Congress Party say that the responsibility for the dispute lies with the communised government of West Bengal, of which the Darjeeling district forms an inconspicuous part. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) says that the central government must deal with the Gurkha demands.

Darjeeling itself was given to the British by the King of Sikkim 150 years ago, in return for his being restored to the throne by a British force which had driven out a Nepalese invasion. The area, a maze of ridges and valleys in the southernmost fringe of the Himalayas, was virtually uninhabited. Over the years the population grew from the 100 or so Lepcha tribesmen living in mud huts and practising a nomadic, burn-grow-and-move-on style of agriculture in 1836, to 10,000 by 1850. By the turn of the century the development of the tea industry had attracted many immigrants who took the population to around 250,000.



The Darjeeling line... separatists hope it will one day lead to independent Gorkhaland

These people mostly came from neighbouring Nepal, where the various castes and tribes of that Hindu kingdom all like to call themselves Gurkhas, after the name of the king who finally united the kingdom.

Today's population of rather over a million is mainly Nepali in origin, though obviously the majority have been born in the district. In the three troubled sub-districts around the towns of Kalimpong, Kurseong, and Darjeeling itself, the population is 95 per cent Nepali.

The open border with the neighbouring kingdom was recognized by the government of independent India, which, in 1950, signed a treaty of which article seven declares: "The governments of India and Nepal agree to grant, on a reciprocal basis, to the nationals of one country in the territories of the other, the same privileges in the matter of residence, ownership of property, participation in trade and commerce, movement and other privileges of a similar nature."

The result is that Nepalese and Indians can live and work in each other's countries, and can cross and recross the joint border without trouble. Evidence of the success of article seven is seen, for example, in Delhi, where virtually every night watchman is a Nepali. It is strange, then, that this clause has become the centrepiece of the agitation in Darjeeling, where demands for its withdrawal are written on walls.

A demand for an autonomous Gurkha region was first lodged as long ago as 1907, and the Nepalese in India have felt a nagging sense of grievance ever since. "I would say that it is a genuine grievance," said the Anglican bishop of Darjeeling, John Ghose. "The Nepalese people have been exploited in North Bengal. There are no job opportunities in the area. Economically and educationally it is backward."

But what brought the agitation to its present head was the way Gandhi dealt with the agitation in the neighbouring state of Assam. The Nepalis saw a population of Bengalis suddenly become the victims of an anti-foreigner campaign by the native Assamese. In nearby Meghalaya, things came even closer to home. Taking a leaf from the Assamese book, the Meghalaya government also evicted foreigners — but this time they were of Nepalese stock. The explanation for this was that the Nepalese speakers, although they claimed to be Indian-born, had been allowed to stay because of article seven, and were none the less foreign. The Gurkha reaction was to call for the abolition of article seven, and — in case the

West Bengal government should ever try to evict the Nepalese — renewed their call for the establishment of a separate Gorkhaland (in Bengal the "ah" vowel sound of most other Indian languages becomes an "oh", and so Gurkhas become Gorkhas).

These fears brought instant fame and recognition to an obscure agitator, Subash Ghising, who had for years led the Gorkha National Liberation Front. He began a series of demonstrations to press the case for autonomy. The GNLF has never been quiet; clear whether it wants Gorkhaland to be an autonomous region within Bengal, to have a separate existence within India, perhaps as a union territory, or to be completely independent.

The enemies of the GNLF have been able to characterize the agitation as anti-national and paramilitary police reinforcements were brought in to help control it. On July 19 Ghising was reported to have called for the Gurkhas to "cut the throats of the central reserve police force", an injunction which his followers appear anxious to take literally. Nineteen people died in clashes with police.

Ghising's organization then called a 48-day general strike, which amply demonstrated the popular support his aims now have in the district. It also led to lethal clashes with CPI(M) unions among the tea garden labourers.

After the strike ended, Ghising and other leaders of the GNLF went underground. Tension remains high, and the authorities await his next move.

The omens for the dark nights leading to the first anniversary of the signing of the agreement are not good. Loyalist paramilitaries are back on the streets of north Bengal, bringing a spate of sectarian attacks; a no-warning car-bomb planted by the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters was intended to show that they have perfected the technique of making and detonating such a device.

The various loyalist stoppages and shows of strength are suspected of being part of overall preparations aimed at learning the likely response from security forces and the nationalists: The Ulster Defence Association has been flogging with a message under a man in a uniform and backpack carrying a gun, urging people to "come forward now and be trained to do your share. Organize now."

And, ominously, the DUP's acting press officer said he could envisage further mass occupations of villages north and south of the border — the effect of which would be to put the government's security forces and agreement under enormous pressure.

Richard Ford

Anne Sofer

Saint Joan's two armies

Conor Cruise O'Brien, writing on this page recently about Nicaragua, suddenly transported me back 30 years into an A level English lesson.

A set book for the examination that year was Shaw's *Saint Joan*. Whether the play deserved its accolade on literary grounds I am not quite sure, but it certainly should be required reading for any politics course. For me the kernel of the play lies in a scene between the Earl of Warwick and Cauchon, the Bishop of Beauvais. Both, for their different reasons, want to get rid of Joan. To the bishop, she represents a dire threat to the authority of the Church because she will not accept its interposition between herself and her "voices". "What will the world be like," he asks passionately, "when the Church's accumulated wisdom and knowledge and experience, its councils of learned, venerable, pious men, are thrust into the kennel by every ignorant labourer or dairy-maid whom the devil can puff up with the monstrous self-conceit of being directly inspired from heaven?"

Warwick, the secular potentate, is not particularly excited about this heresy; indeed he is detached enough to analyse it coolly and give it a name. "It goes deep, my Lord. It is the protest of the individual soul against the interference of priest or peer between the private man and his God. I should call it Protestantism. If I had to find a name for it..." He is far more concerned at another dangerous idea, which Joan typifies and which he sees as gaining ground among the common people, the erosion of loyalty to the feudal lord and its replacement by loyalty to the land.

Cauchon, analytical in his turn, develops this second idea, saying that, to Joan, "the French-speaking people are what the Holy Scriptures describe as a nation. Call this side of her heresy Nationalism if you will: I can find no better name for it: I can only tell you that it is anti-Catholic and anti-Christian; for the Catholic Church knows only one realm, and that is the realm of Christ's Kingdom."

And this, according to Conor Cruise O'Brien, is more or less what the Pope has been saying to the Nicaraguan Marxist theologians. Protestantism (in the sense of the "protest of the individual soul... against interference") and nationalism are still alive and well and tearing the world apart: "centuries of bloodshed", as Shaw put it presciently in 1924, "that is not yet staunched."

Shaw saw both forces as part of human evolution and used Joan almost as a mere agent. But whether one accepts the theory of historical inevitability that lies behind this or not, it is remarkable what a powerful hold both ideas have, despite their long record of destructiveness. Freedom, of

thought and a homeland — what could be more fundamental to human happiness, and yet more impossible apparently to achieve for most of the earth's population?

Although in the developing world it is the left that is seizing the two ideas, in Britain and the US it is the right. But all too easily, the "protest of the individual soul" becomes mere individualism, acquires the spurious glamour of the adjective "rugged", and degenerates into selfishness and a disclaimer of the very idea of community responsibility. By a similar corruption simple patriotism slithers into a nasty mixture of jingoism and isolationism.

On a short clip from an American television report on our own news last week, I heard an interesting example of Reaganite thought. Farmers facing bankruptcy in one drought-ravaged area were being helped by trainloads of hay from luckier farmers in another part of the country. The recipient, expressing his gratitude, protested altogether too much. "It's not welfare; it's like a neighbour helping you rebuild your barn when it's blown down in a storm; it's like a GI helping his wounded buddy back to the field hospital. That's not welfare." Obviously the mere idea that he might be dependent on any sort of public responsibility had thrown him into a moral panic.

But just as it is the temper of the right to apologize for dependency, so it is the temper of the left to apologize for individualism. An example is an article defending psychotherapy by Susan Orback in the latest issue of *Marxism Today*. She is worried about the "link between the therapeutic notion of personal responsibility and the prevailing right-wing ideological stance of personal responsibility". She admits that therapy is often criticized on the grounds that it is "a repudiation of public responsibility, an individual response to public ills", but rejects these criticisms on the grounds that therapy need not be "devoid of political content" and should lead to a realization that "our psyches are an embodiment of social relations".

Now I have no doubt at all that the farmer speaks to more hearts than the feminist — and not only because he is more easily understood. A left using language, even opaquely, to convey the message that public equals good and individual equals bad is up against an overwhelming prejudice.

Mrs Thatcher of course realizes this better than any other politician. Even Bernard Shaw, whom I cannot imagine feeling anything but detestation for her policies, would have seen the Saint Joan in her. Her voice, too, tell her she is right. Which is why, despite her brilliance, her shrewdness, her pig-headedness and her incompetence, she is still where she is. The author is a member of the SDP national committee.

moreover... Miles Kington

The llama that didn't limp

The first thing we noticed about the circus was that almost everyone working in it had a bad limp.

One doesn't expect much of a tiny travelling circus turning up in a tiny Breton village, as this did one day last month, but one does expect that most of the performers will walk normally. As it was, it seemed that some terrible series of accidents must have happened to the past: sparing only the clown and the ring-master. The man who brought the props on and seemed to have been injured the worst: he limped not only with his legs but also with his back.

The other thing we noticed was how sad everyone looked. We could understand the badly injured stagehand looking tragic, as he was thought of his brilliant future behind him, but there seemed no excuse for the ring-master's furious expression which did not relax even when he was taking a bow. The only man who looked cheerful was the clown, as he happily upstaged the ring-master. He smiled again when he came back as the amazing unicyclist. He smiled again as he came back in cowboy uniform to do amazing things with whips and ropes.

Between acts the ring-master retreated to the electronics corner, which contained a microphone and an old gramophone. "Et maintenant, messieurs dames," he would intone, "le spectacle continue avec Ursula la contorsionniste." Then he put the needle back to the beginning of the record which had just finished, and on came Ursula, the girl who had sold us our tickets, to do back handstands of which an English schoolgirl would be moderately proud.

The spectacle continued with a horse which trotted round the ring in both directions, then jumped over a pole held by the twisted stagehand. The spectacle continued later with a dog which jumped over a stick, a tight-rope walker who looked terrified even though she was six feet up, and a goat which climbed on a series of small tables and did not fall off.

None of them smiled. "Et maintenant," announced the ring-master, "le spectacle se poursuit avec — Serge le llama."

A llama trundled into the ring, not limping but not smiling either. It trotted round and round and the ring-master cracked his whip, as a signal for it to change direction. It

did no such thing. He cracked his whip several times and finally got a direct hit, at which the llama did change direction. The injured stagehand put out a pole so low that the llama did not notice it while sweeping over.

The ring-master promised us that Serge the llama would lie down as if fast asleep. Serge did so. And this is where things started to go badly wrong, because Serge now refused to get up again. He lay there, head flat on the ground, while the ring-master tried in vain to pull him up. We clapped and laughed, because we thought it was all in the act, but the ring-master did not laugh and nor, for the first time, did the clown when he came on to help pull the llama up.

Within minutes there were half a dozen circus people in the ring, all trying to remove the llama. An old man we had never seen before limped on and tried to tempt Serge off with a loaf. Serge accepted it in his mouth, but still lay motionless. The circus people went into a huddle and what they were discussing was obviously, can we do the rest of the circus in a ring one-third occupied by a recumbent llama?

Llamas are notoriously stubborn and aggressive animals, to be handled with care, but this was not a thought that occurred to the audience: all we knew was that we had come to the high spot of the evening, and we howled with laughter, and cheered and clapped, hoping that Serge would never get up, paying back all the indignities and dreadful training that circus animals have to endure. But even llamas get up eventually, and to a groan from the crowd Serge suddenly rose and trundled off as gracefully as you can with a *bague* hanging out of your mouth like a huge Gauloise.

They brought the circus to a fairly swift close after that, with a final appeal to us all to throw money into a hat to help feed the animals. Next morning they had vanished. Even now, I suppose, they are limping and scowling round lost corners of France, one step ahead of bankruptcy, looking for enough money to feed the animals. Well, I hope they feed no truth in my suspicion that all those limps and injuries were caused in past confrontations between llama and circus folk.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA August 9: The Queen visited Clydebank today to mark its Centenary. The Queen disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia at Robb's Quay...

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy REAR ADMIRAL R.I.T. Hoop to be promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral...

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Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Geoffrey Inkin to be Chairman of the Land Authority for Wales...

Pewterers' Company

The following have been appointed officers of the Pewterers' Company: Master, Sir Geoffrey Peacock...

Award for Burrell Gallery

The Burrell Gallery in Glasgow, a Roman Catholic church in Orpington, Kent, and the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham are among seven architecture awards presented this year by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Latest wills

Mr William Steels, of Newbold, North Humberdale, farmer, left estate valued at £990,492 net.

Clifford Longley Unique denial of human rights

If proof were needed that the Church of England moves and breathes within the moral and intellectual atmosphere of English society generally, it would be the way the general synod debated the issue of sanctions against South Africa last month with no more reference to the underlying moral and philosophical issues than has been made in the secular political argument in more recent weeks.

Rectory railway threatened

After 24 years of delighting steam engine enthusiasts as the Cadeby Light Railway and its unique Fat Clergyman's collection of memorabilia, built up by the late Rev Teddy Boston in his rectory gardens in Cadeby, Leicestershire, may have to be split up.



OBITUARY PROFESSOR GLEN SCHAEFER

Professor Glen Willard Schaefer, who had been Director of the Ecological Physics Research Group at Cranfield Institute of Technology since 1975, died on July 25 after a long illness. He was 56.

DR FREDERICK HALLIS

Dr Frederick Hallis, barrister and author of Corporate Personality, died on August 3. He was 65.

MR CLIFFORD HARPER

Mr Clifford Harper, who died on August 3, aged 85, was one of the last headmasters of the 1930s who guided their schools through evacuation. Later he did much for educational exchanges with France and the United States.

Science report

'New cells for old' heal wounds

Cells from young people are being used to make biological dressings for treating non-healing wounds in elderly people, whose own cells multiply too slowly. Skin cells from the donor are grown several layers deep in culture and then fixed to the surface of the dressings, which are used like conventional skin grafts.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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MARRIAGES. Mr A.T. Kendall and Miss F.L.J. Matheson. The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Loddon, Norfolk. Mr and Mrs Charles Kendall, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Kendall of Danby, Norfolk, and Mrs Mary Vaynor, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, and Miss Fiona Matheson, younger daughter of Major and the Hon Mrs Fergus Matheson of Heddenham Old Rectory, Norfolk. The Right Rev Hugh Blackburne officiated.

MARRIAGES. Mr D.H. Smering and Miss C.A. Featherston. The engagement is announced between Douglas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Smering, of Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Featherston, of Wimbledon, London, SW19.

Marriages

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THE ARTS

Television Post of prestige

A Scot is not without honour in his own country — nor, indeed, in Nicaragua. San Marino or the Turks and Caicos, all of which have honoured Arthur Conan Doyle by producing postage stamps bearing the likeness of his most famous fictional character. A pretty tenuous hook on which to hang a three-part series on celebrated Scots, but *The Stamp of Greatness* (Channel 4) turned out to be something more worthwhile than a "tiny perforated portrait".

Conan Doyle's literary innovations were matched by the military improvements for which he lobbied — the steel helmet, the inflatable rubber life-raft, the Home Guard — not to mention such minor achievements as introducing cross-country skiing to Switzerland; the man must have had energy, imagination and not a little chutzpah. Iain Culbertson suggested at least the first of these qualities, and the dramatized vignettes of the real-life misadventures of justice to which Conan Doyle applied his talents did their job proficiently enough.

The strange case of the *Berlin Wall: Hanni Sends Her Love* (Channel 4) was a gripping and at times moving account of the escape industry which has brought hundreds of East Germans to the West since August 1961. Tacked on to the film-clips of escapees jumping into the Berlin Wall, and the border guard ditching his rifle and making a bolt for it were interviews with the leading tunnelers and person-smugglers.

As in the best Stalag-Luft stories, the hairy moments were decorated with comical elements, particularly the gross, bearded, Urdeutsch refugee who fell in with an organization who blacked him up like a village-hill Othello and whisked him out on a Gambian passport.

One tends to respond to this kind of narrative by wishing that the ingenuity, resourcefulness and sheer courage might have been put to better use, but then one also wishes, on the occasion of the Wall's twenty-fifth anniversary, that the thing had never been built.

Martin Cropper



For two months during the summer Verona lies in thrall to the potent gods of opera: John Higgins reports on Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* and Giordano's *Andrea Chénier* in the famous Arena

The secret of candlepower

Luis Lima, undeterred by the weight of all about him, with the sparky and secure Alida Ferrarini in *Un ballo in maschera*

Eduardo Cianella, a poet handsome in figure and voice, in *Andrea Chénier*

Certain things never change in Verona. There are the myriad sellers of soft seats, who could be on secondment from Lord's. And at 9 p.m. sharp, a quarter of an hour later in July when on some evenings darkness never seems to fall, there are the thousands of candles simultaneously lit by the audience in the upper tiers: votive offerings to the great god Opera who rules in this city for two summer months. Take a look at the wings of the Arena close to the stage: if there is a full glow then it is likely to be an *Aida* night, but if the wattle is low then the opera is an unpopular one.

Aida is, to be sure, present this year, but one or two other works in the repertory are not Veroca favourites. Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera*, for instance, has been heard in only one of the past twenty seasons. But then *Don Pasquale* has never been given at the Arena and *L'elisir d'amore* only once, back in 1936. No, this is not a great place for burmoor; it much prefers spectacular dramatic strokes sweeping across the massive playing area.

Uo ballo in maschera looked at the start as though it might collapse under the sheer weight of scenery during the first act, despite a very sizeable wattle glow coming from the audience. The Governor's residence — the opera was given in the Boston version — with its massive grey walls looked more like the state penitentiary. Ulrica's cave was equally sumptuous in glaucous colours to match her costume, a throw-

back to the Palladium panto days when *Aladdin* really was *Aladdin*. But Pietro Zuffi, who combines the roles of director and designer, had deliberately built on the darkness so that he could light every light on stage shortly before midnight for the masked ball itself, turning the Arena into some heavenly Versailles. The audience was duly dazzled.

Luis Lima, the Riccardo, declined to be depressed by the weight of all around him, including the massive chunks of very un-Bostonian statuary. The part sounds just right for him at this point in his career, with the voice carrying enough lightness for the Fisherman's song, "Di tu se fedele", and a sufficiency of maturity for the Act III "Ma se m'è forza". This was to be every way a most engaging performance, with the timbre cutting clearly across the Arena. Lima has always looked the tenor most likely to break the Verdi monopoly held so long by Domingo, Carreras and Pavarotti; this Riccardo will have done his chances nothing but good.

The Amelia and Renato both gave much more routine interpretations. Maria Chiara is an experienced Verona hand, knowing exactly where to position herself on stage to achieve maximum vocal effect, which she duly did for "Morré, ma prima in grazia", but the result was still uncomfortably lumpy, with some notes swelling and others close to disappearance. Silvano Carroli's tones are much more evenly pro-

duced, but he puts little character into the voice. Renato becomes just another baritone rote, rather than the man of integrity driven to murder.

There were far more impressive contributions from Alida Ferrarini, a sparky and secure Oscar, and Gail Gilmore, who turns the sorceress Ulrica into a true *basso profondo* part. It seems only Russia and black America nowadays breed the true contralto voice and Miss Gilmore's tones really do sound as though they come from some distant abyss. Gustav Kuhn's control of the orchestra was firm enough. He is not exactly though the master of the light touch and might take a tip or two from Luis Lima on the mercurial aspects of Verdi's score.

The previous evening Gianluigi Gelmetti had given a much more impressive — and persuasive — account of Giordano's *Andrea Chénier*, which is almost as much a rarity here as *Ballo*. Attilio Colonello, another to combine the directorial and design functions, created a series of massive assemblies on stage, whose functions were often far from clear. Just as Zuffi had numbers of spear-carriers hanging around Riccardo's house in *Ballo*, so Colonello employed an army of topiarist snipping away Maddalena di Coligny's garden. And when the Maddalena and Andrea do finally march off to the scaffold, with Giordano's soaringly defiant duet of love, they could have been going

away to yet another well attended function.

Chénier began with a very glossy cast: Caballé, Carreras, Bruson. This month the level is a bit less starry, and notable mainly for Eduardo Cianella in the title role. After a stirring *impromptu* in Act I the audience cheered him and Gelmetti into an encore, and that left the tenor dangerously short of stamina for the Act IV poem, which went adrift. But in between Cianella presented a poet handsome in figure and voice — another tenor on the way up.

Both Giovanna Casolla and Alessandro Casis as Maddalena and Gérard, the soprano and baritone on opposite sides of the political spectrum, could have done with more vocal projection. Casolla tends to graininess in the timbre and Casis could have used a bit more declamation in "Nemico della patria". Both would surely have sounded better in a less demanding space, but here it is the big effects that count.

A couple of evenings later I dropped into a town hall on Lake Garda where some aspirant singers were showing their paces — entrance free and house full. "Forza e coraggio!" was the frequent advice of the MC as they waded into the Italian operatic repertoire. And those words sum up just what is needed at Verona.

There are further performances (with changing casts) of *Andrea Chénier* on August 14, 20, 23, 26 and 31 and *Un ballo in maschera* on August 17, 21, 24, 27 and 29.

Theatre in London Dramatic truths

The Garden Girls Bush

An uncommonly large number of donors are thanked for goods and services supplied to the Bush for their admirable production of Jacqueline Holborough's first full-length play. The last begins with turf, old wood-working tools and a Bruce Springsteen T-shirt, and moves down through trolls and vodka, bread, brick slats and a green pepper. Large branches are acknowledged, cinders, red clay, vermiculite and eventually ferns, a sundial and wine-gums.

Two girls are lying on the neat garden turf, inches away from the audience, when the lights go up. Mary is failing to make herself read a book and Barbara, known as Dog, sunbathes, topless, with her breasts pressed down on the grass. The dialogue, after an initial quail, is going to centre around well-bred self-doubts. A coloured girl pounds in, jumps on the sunbather and makes off with her Bruce Springsteen shirt.

Dog crawls and cringes in a panic that at first seems out of all proportion to the mishap. Nobody offers to lend the girl any covering until Aggie (Doreen Mantel), glumly trudging back from the duckpond, exchanges her vest for the promise of bath-soap. We are in a women's open prison and the girls work in its gardens. The play follows the lives of five of them through a summer half begins with the refusal of parole to one of them and ends with another's release.

The author's first one-act play, eight years ago, won the Koestler Award, given each year for an artwork created by a prisoner. She formed Clear Break, a touring company of women former prisoners, in the following year and has been with them ever since. I have not seen her previous work for stage or television but the titles suggest that her prison experience is present in all of them. Her knowledge of this world within the world is

clearly comprehensive and one accepts the naturalistic detail without question.

Totally convincing also are the lambent comments that conjure up the pain and worry, but the author is considerably more interesting than a documentary writer with a good ear. Scene after scene reveals an ability to let action, character and mood evolve according to their own mysterious laws, and the result is drama — living, riveting drama.

The set, designed by Geoff Rose, is in two parts, the trim garden with its sundial and vermiculite path, and the toolshed where the women find a refuge from their duties in the fruit cages, greenhouses and dung-heaps. It is in the shed that we first meet the fifth woman, known only as Jack, an uncouth veteran from Lankark who bloodies Dog's nose at their first encounter.

If this sounds heavy, it is just one element in the drama. The writing offers live kinds of humour: grim Scottish jokes, spritely nonsense, old-fashioned self-effacement, quagmire's gloom and merriment. "He's a changed man since his tropical fish died", is the sort of line seldom heard in the theatre since the death of Joe Orton.

The actresses respond to Simon Stokes's sympathetic direction by giving performances that illuminate their author's text. We have the fluid jumping movements of Suzette Lewdell's coloured girl, delighting in any comic upheaval she sets in motion. In Sophie Thompson's Dog we see the alarm and quick retreats from anything that looks like danger, followed by a slowly opening smile as she fits herself back into company. Maggie McCarthy's Jack lets out the seething violence of a hard case in abrupt movements and masterfully blunt scorn. Maureen O'Brien gives bright little smiles and bright little observations, which make her revelation of time in solitary all the more frightening. Strongly recommended.

Jeremy Kingston

Summerscope

LS/Masson Elizabeth Hall

It could never have been predicted that Mrs Thatcher would preside like an Astrea over a renaissance of British music, but the past seven years have proved astonishingly productive, and the summer festival at the South Bank is reflecting some of the dazzle. Just 24 hours after the premiere of Britwistle's new opera, the London Sinfonietta were back with a programme of new and very new music by younger composers. Only the two contrasted dancescape, Simon Holt's ominous *Era madrigala* and George Benjamin's celebratory *At First Light* had been heard before; the others were all works of the past year or so.

Dominic Muldowney's new Sinfonietta is an exceedingly smart piece. It takes on the challenge that Schoenberg took on in his First Chamber Symphony, that of creating a continuity that functions both as a sonata allegro and as a complete four-movement composition: in other words, one gets to the end of the first movement and finds one has by the way reached the end of the whole. *Riviera* might be another example, though there, of course, when one comes to the end one is just in time for the real beginning.

Muldowney anticipates Wagner by starting with something that is both beginning and end: a tick-tock downward phrase makes an opening gambit, while the brass

rush up in a staccato jazzy closure, a gesture that will often be repeated in varied forms. Then the machine is off. It slows for the "second subject", marked by solos for oboe and viola, and speeds up for the scherzo-cum-development, then eases itself towards a moment of repose for strings with piano and marimba, the only passage where the juggling with tonality almost relaxes into concord. But most of the recapitulation finale is as tricky, rhythmically surprising and harmonically needing as this work requires.

The difference from Schoenberg, whose parallel work seems to hover in the wings, is that Muldowney is not sure the game is a serious one. But this is not at all a frivolous work: he is very serious indeed about the business of playing the game, and his own appeal to Stravinsky rather than Schoenberg as mentor is entirely apt. This is as fascinating a recombination of the past as his concertos and quartets of recent years. It is also a very virtuosic piece, and the Sinfonietta, under Diego Masson, performed it exhilaratingly.

Also on the programme was Steve Martland's mind-numbing *Orc*, with Frank Lloyd as solo hornist, and Mark-Anthony Turnage's marvellously curious *On All Four*, which is a haroque suite and much else. It is typical of him, or indeed of Muldowney, to have an Allemande recalling a flute-clarinete duet from *The Rite of Spring*.

Paul Griffiths

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Promenade Concerts Brilliance wasted

BBC Welsh SO/ Loughran Albert Hall/Radio 3

This was not the happiest of nights at the Proms. The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, who had sounded so excellently together in their concert under Mariss Yansons just a couple of weeks ago, were distinctly out of sorts under their newly-appointed chief guest conductor James Loughran; and the difference was the more embarrassing conspicuous because both programmes included an early Sibelius symphony. All that remained of the former glory was in the brass; other departments were rough, and there was rarely any feeling of a unified ensemble, more of a sprawling, unkempt mass.

That was the impression conveyed too of Sibelius's Second Symphony in this performance. For the lack of a long line, the slow movement became a sub-Wagnerian jungle, and the scherzo was disturbingly fast for an ensemble in this condition. But of course it is the finale that needs its tone choosing with more care than Mr Loughran was willing to provide. Elgar's *In the South* might also have

benefited from more cogent direction, something to work through rather than expose the changes of texture.

Between these two works for full orchestra there was Gordon Crosse's new *Array* for trumpet and strings. One can understand why he should have been commissioned to write such a piece; he has often been most inventive in writing works for soloist and orchestra, such as his Second Violin Concerto or his sequence of character studies for chamber forces. The combination of trumpet and strings ought to have been made for him, but sadly the sparks entirely failed to fly, and the result does the composer no credit.

It ought to have provided the occasion for celebrating the talent of the young Swedish trumpeter Håkan Hardenberger, who gamely took on the challenge of what is in effect a full-length concerto. As it is, however, there was little opportunity for him to show anything but stamina and patience, though one may applaud too his clear, untroubled delivery and his natural phrasing of the odd song-tunes that provide the only decent material in this thoroughly disappointing piece.

Paul Griffiths

BBCPO/Downes Albert Hall/ Radio 3/BBC1

I can understand why the television cameras were not rolling in the first half of Friday's Promenade Concert. You need ears to listen to a piece like Berio's *Epifanie* and television receivers are generally incapable of picking up the finer points in such sophisticated music. Unfortunately too many people in the audience — not alas, a large one — seemed also to be switched off, preferring to shuffle, cough, converse and noisily leave rather than give ear to what was arguably the best music of the evening.

Admittedly Berio's cause could have been served rather better by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, who, under Edward Downes, seemed not to have quite the measure of the composer's wide-ranging dialectic. Although this cannot be the simplest of scores to play, they failed to capture the richness of its colours or to relate to the depths of feeling that motivates it. One might have hoped for the tiny details that are continually emergent and retire from the surface of *Orchestra Piece A* to have glistered more, or for the overlapping chords and subsequent slow staccato exchanges in *Orchestra Piece F* to have sounded more punchy.

Nevertheless the multi-layered beauty of the piece survived, helped in no small measure by the contributions of the soprano Elizabeth Laurence, who negotiated the interspersed vocal cycle with distinction. But perhaps she, too, might have used a more vivid range of colours.

Both orchestra and audience seemed more intensely involved in the second half, televised later. Iona Brown played Walton's Violin Concerto with admirable presence, though once or twice her confidence seemed slightly misplaced. But she is above all a lyrical player, and it was that quality which dominated her reading here, for all the brilliance contained within the piece. Downes seemed happy to go along with her view, and the responses of his players were always alert.

Where Walton exudes something of the warm Mediterranean and Berio shows a typically Italianate refinement, Respighi's *The Pines of Rome* is pure empty-headed vulgarity. But this, of course, was what people had come for, and by now concentration was rapt. Is this really what the art of music is about?

Stephen Pettitt

Other music LSO/Maazel Barbican

As if to banish memories of his messy withdrawal from the artistic direction of the Vienna State Opera, Lorin Maazel has thrown himself into a no-madric, three-season conducting schedule of epic proportions: over 200 concerts in 22 countries. It is a life-style that seems to symbolize his musical personality: utterly professional, dependent upon an admirable stick technique, high-powered in profile, yet curiously impersonal and given to making carefully calculated gestures. If Maazel has decided that he best relates to orchestras on a "short stay, quick results" basis, it also occasionally sounds as if he is relating similarly to the scores he conducts.

Yet his interpretations frequently have unrivaled potency. Even in a heavy-handed and often laborious performance of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony there were startling insights. One instance was at the first movement's recapitulation, where Maazel reduced the upper-string sound extravagantly (they are actually marked triple-forte) to allow the cellos' unusual domination with their main theme. Melodramatic certainly, contrived perhaps; but this typical Maazel "effect" was executed with such technical finesse that it was hard to resist.

The scaling down of the violins' attack in the Allegretto, from prim off-the-string clarity to a glowing glide through the lyrical middle passages, was delightful, as was (in a more world-weary mood) the full, ripe tone he elicited from the excellent horns in the Trio.

Indeed, the London Symphony Orchestra responded well throughout to his approach and the playing in Mahler's First Symphony was often exhilarating. The opening bars whispered into mysterious life from a superbly controlled pianissimo; the section principals responded extrovertly in the middle movements and there was a welcome bravado about the strings' "Viennese" glissandos.

Again there was, at times, a feeling that a carefully nurtured pose was being adopted. The parodistic dance-hall scoops of the third movement, for instance, were drooled over to the detriment of long-term shape. But Maazel's handling of the finale's opening — a mixture of discipline and venom — confirmed him as a seasoned engineer of raw orchestral thrills.

Richard Morrison



Overriding enthusiasm: the Jamaica National Company

Dance Making the effect

Seeing three contrasted dance companies over the weekend set me thinking about the different ways in which they made their effects. What started it was the thought that by all the rules Janet Mulligan ought not to be suited to Juliet. She is so obviously a healthy, attractive, balanced young woman, not an over-romantic adolescent girl.

Yet Festival Ballet's *Romeo and Juliet* at the Festival Hall was still enjoyable with her in the role. The explanation is that the character, the plot and the emotion are all conveyed in Ashton's choreography. Given a competent, sincere performance the choreography itself will make its points. Mulligan danced with skill and thoughtfulness, strongly supported by Peter Schaufuss, and there were lively, intelligent accounts of Mercutio and Benvolio from two newcomers, Tim Almas and Daryl Norton.

The balance changes in the Bolshoi's *Spartacus*. Yuri Grigorovich's choreography for this is poster-art, relying on the blatant repetition of simple, even crude patterns. Everything depends on the way it is danced. Luckily, although Yuri Vashurbenko in the title part has not the supercharged virtuosity of Iek Mukhamedov, he is a strong, forceful dancer; and Alexei Lazarev, who played his opponent Crassus at the performance I saw, raises the dramatic tension with his scarily glamorous portrait of a small-time shifty tyran.

The level of teaching and professional expectation in Russia is such that soloists there start from a higher base than here. Even in the large corps de ballet, especially among the men, there are quite a few dancers of a technical standard far ahead

of British companies. I note also that, although its own school produces many good dancers, the Bolshoi can take its pick among many who began their careers elsewhere in the Soviet Union once they have become noted either through performances or by winning medals at international dance competitions.

Lina Ananiashvili, a dark-haired Georgian beauty, made her transfer from Tbilisi to Moscow even earlier, whilst still a pupil. Now 23, her Raymondina on Friday was amazingly polished and mature; serene, beautifully shaped to the music. Partnering her, Alexei Fadeyevich showed a quiet but firm authority in romantic style.

The third company was the Jamaica National appearing at the Commonwealth Institute (they will perform from tomorrow at Riverside). Most of their dancers, singers, musicians and technicians have other jobs. What brought them together and has kept them going for 24 years is love of their work and determination to find roots for dance in their national heritage.

So it becomes less important that their level of prowess is, to say the best, uneven (the men on the whole better than the women, although Arlene Richards has an individual quality), that the choreography, mostly by their founder and director Rex Nettleford, veers between various popular idioms, from reggae to slightly featureless mainstream modern dance, or that most of the pieces given on Saturday tended towards a shapely pot-pourri form. What communicates itself to the audience is sheer enthusiasm, without which neither skill nor refined choreography can make much effect.

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US NOTEBOOK Sprinkel damages price of bonds From Maxwell Newton New York

The week of the Treasury's \$29 billion (£19.6 billion) refunding has passed without disaster, and interest rates are higher.

The 10-year notes, which yielded 7.32 per cent on Thursday, July 31, finished the auction at an average yield of 7.47 per cent (with 60 per cent of the auction going for a yield of 7.48 per cent).

But, by Thursday, August 7, this issue was selling for a yield of 7.36 per cent, which at least gave the underwriters a breather before having to come up with the actual cash.

The 30-year issue also went reasonably well. On July 31, this issue was yielding 7.46 per cent. At the auction, the average yield was 7.63 per cent, while 58 per cent of the auction was sold at the higher yield of 7.58 per cent.

By late Thursday, August 7, the 30-year "new" issue was yielding 7.58 per cent and the "old" 30-year 7.53 per cent — once again a case of the underwriters getting a little breather before having to come up with the cash.

Some dealers said the Japanese bought a great amount of the auction, after big purchases of US agencies' issues in the last week. (But the Japanese were under instructions from the finance ministry not to divulge anything about their purchases).

Others thought the New York dealers had been left with a huge slice of the issue.

This time it does not appear the Wall Street dealers who, in the May auction, believing the Japanese would have to sell back a good deal of their purchases of the 30-year, sought wads of the 10-year, only to find the Japanese refusing to sell the 30-year and leaving Wall Street in a terrible short squeeze.

Goldman Sachs is one firm which is said to have lost up to \$100 million in this short squeeze.

On Monday, July 28, the Japanese organized a bear raid on the New York bond market, driving yields up sharply. It was feared by Wall Street traders, who fell before the onslaught, that the Japanese would follow through on the Tuesday, possibly attempting to drive the yield on the 30-year up to 7.75 per cent.

However, there was no follow through. Wall Street was bemused by this, thinking the Japanese had lost a great opportunity to massacre the bond market in preparation for the auction.

And the Opec rumbling did not help the Treasury auction. But this was no nothing compared to the damage caused by Mr Beryl Sprinkel, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

In the middle of the auction, he produced a forecast of 4 per cent growth in the second half of this year, followed by 4.5 per cent growth next year, accompanied by some increase in short-term interest rates and inflation.

The consensus in the bond pits was that Mr Sprinkel had effected bond prices.

Little economic news was released during the week, except unmistakably bad sales results for the domestic car makers in July, leading to another big build-up of unsold stocks, especially at GM.

While the annual rate of domestic car sales was probably under 8 million, seasonally adjusted, in July (compared with 8.6 million in June and 8.4 million in May), the annual rate of sales of imported cars was a shocking 3.3 million.

The stronger yen has so far had an effect on the large amount of Japanese cars going into the US.

Insider dealing checks by SE nearly doubled

Investigations by the Stock Exchange into unusual price movements nearly doubled last year, says a report published today. But it admits that proving cases of insider dealing is very difficult.

The quotations department says the increase in speculative activity in the market caused it to inquire into 811 movements compared with 463 the year before.

Of these, 108 were handed over to its surveillance division for closer examination and, as a result, full inquiries were launched into 35 cases compared with 48 the year before.

The report says that information arising out of 10 inquiries was passed to the Department of Trade and Industry to consider further action. This is two more than previously.

The quotations department, which increased its staff by 10 to 104 to cope with the greater workload, says in its report for the year ended March 31 that "the suspicion that insider information has been used in the course of share dealing is very difficult to prove."

The report adds: "An individual who has direct access to price sensitive information either by being involved in

discussions or by virtue of his employment and is inclined to misuse such information for personal gain very rarely deals in his own name.

"Sometimes a nominee may be used, on other occasions an individual might procure others to deal for a particular reason or reward. An individual may, for reasons of inexperience or so as to portray

Moves to set up a new multi-disciplined, nationwide body to combat financial fraud have become bogged down in Whitehall in-fighting over which government department should take charge. The body was suggested in proposals contained in the Roskill Committee report on the prosecution of fraud published early this year. An inter-departmental committee has been considering the proposal but no new initiative is now expected before October.

Of importance, boast to others of his involvement in or knowledge of sensitive matters.

"In all these circumstances it may be difficult to detect instances of unpublished information being either consciously or inadvertently passed by an unwitting insider

to someone more alert." Since 1980, when insider dealing became a criminal offence, until this year the Stock Exchange has referred the findings of 94 investigations to the Department of Trade.

"It must be borne in mind that many securities attract speculative interest for a variety of reasons, whether factual or not, but it is only those situations resulting in an announcement which are pinpointed by the media.

"In some recent takeovers involving large international companies the negotiations have necessitated the involvement of a considerable number of people both within the company and within its advisers. Where, for instance, 150 people are involved in, or are aware of, negotiations the problem of enforcing strict security to prevent leakage of information is very difficult."

The report concludes: "Because insider dealing is such a difficult offence to investigate and prove, the Stock Exchange has increased the resources provided for this work. In addition to extra staff, computers are now being used to aid the investigation procedures which are becoming more sophisticated."

Engineers report fall in building orders

Deteriorating prospects in construction, with a dearth of public sector work, were reported yesterday by the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors.

The report says that orders for public sector work, which had risen earlier this year when there was a marginal improvement in orders. A tenth of the construction companies surveyed by the federation in the second quarter of this year had no civil engineering work on their books. There was also a serious shortage of public sector work.

Orders have particularly declined over the past year for small firms (under 100 workers) and big ones (over 1,000 workers). In the middle category, however, there has been a marked improvement particularly in the South-east because of more commercial building work including house construction. A total of 91,700 new homes were started in the first six months of this year in the UK.

There was less work out to tender and a fall in the value of contracts in the second quarter. Scottish firms reported a drop of 63 per cent in invitations to tender.

Plant holdings and utilization remain steady.

The backlog of repair and maintenance on the motorway and roads network has benefited from increased spending but there is no indication that the Government is prepared to spend more on managed networks.

The Federation stresses that unless greater investment is allocated for public works, Britain's infrastructure will deteriorate to an alarming degree.

A study by the Federation and the Association of Municipal Engineers on 19 public sector sites illustrates that if public spending was increased by £1 billion over a period of two years, 48,000 man-years would be created.

Although prospects in the North continue to look bleak, civil engineering work on southern motorways, the City of London and the proposed Channel tunnel should improve the workload in the South.

Volcker to hold talks with Poehl

Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) — Mr Paul Volcker, the US Federal Reserve Board chairman, arrived yesterday for a brief visit to attend the funeral this morning of the former president of the West German central bank, Herr Otmarr Emminger.

He will also meet the current president, Herr Karl Otto Poehl, to discuss monetary problems, according to Frankfurt banking sources. The Fed chairman is expected to reiterate US suggestions that West Germany has room to stimulate its economy by lowering its discount rate from 3.5 per cent.

US monetary officials have called for lower interest rates in West Germany as a means

Saatchi seeks quote on Tokyo stock market

Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's largest advertising agency, has been holding talks with a Japanese securities house, in the hope of gaining a stock market listing in Tokyo.

The company's international business has expanded rapidly and Saatchi wants to attract a wider base of shareholders, although no final decision has been made to go for a listing.

A share quote in Tokyo will help the company's aim of building up business in Japan.

Saatchi has been rapidly expanding in the United States with the purchase of Ted Bates and Backer & Spivey.

Mr Peter Kysel, a Saatchi director, said: "It won't be a moneyspinner. Initially it will not cover our costs."

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Accor plans £60m hotels expansion



Peter Charles: aiming to start establishing low-budget hotels in Britain by the end of next year

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

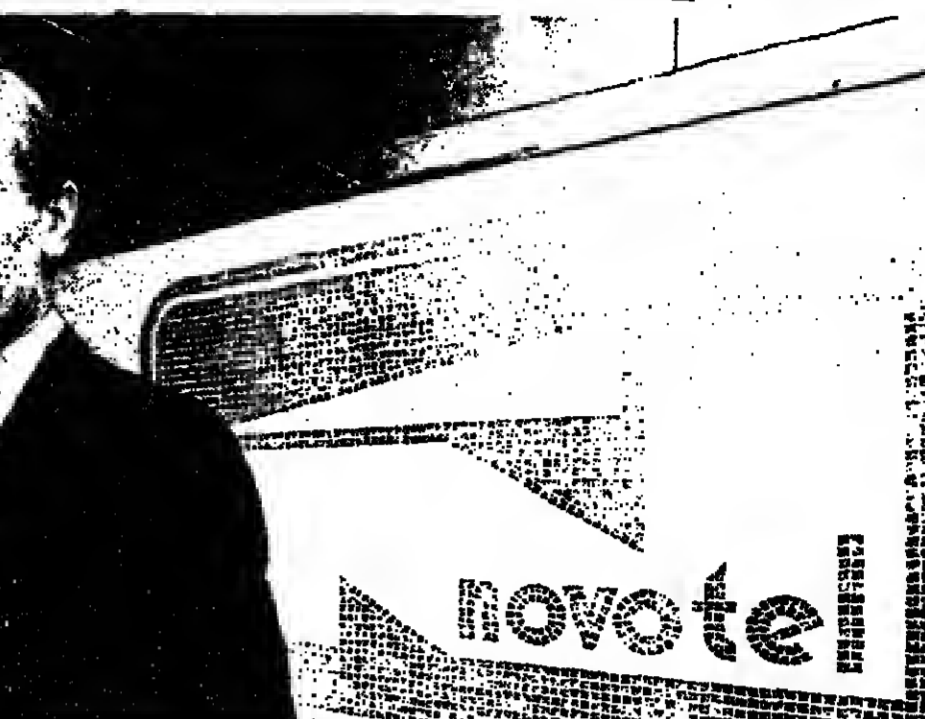
Accor, the French-based hotel and catering group which claims to be the sixth largest operation of its kind in the world, intends to expand its British hotel chain to 100 or more. It is already bidding for mainstay service areas and has plans for a separate restaurant chain.

Best known for its Sofitel, Novotel and Ibis hotels, Accor plans to have at least 20 more of these within three to four years, involving a total investment of up to £60 million.

But Accor's strategy also calls for the establishment in Britain of between 50 and 100 low-budget hotels now at the pilot stage in France. The British start-up is expected by the end of next year.

Sofitel is Accor's most up-market chain and is aiming not only at a central London flagship but is in talks for a new hotel in Bristol, said Mr Peter Charles, chairman of Accor UK. He added: "Edinburgh is another possibility but not Birmingham or Manchester which will be well

Brussels and US resolve fruit dispute



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Brussels (AP-Dow Jones) — The European Economic Community and the United States reached an agreement in principle yesterday, resolving a lengthy citrus fruit trade dispute over the community's preferential trading arrangement with Mediterranean countries.

Mr Clayton Yetter, the US special trade representative, said: "Both sides are delighted to have a 16-year-old trade dispute behind us."

The agreement, details of which are expected tomorrow, appears to resolve a US complaint that the EEC's trading arrangement discriminates against American citrus fruit producers.

The agreement is expected to be ratified by the 12 EEC member states today. Both sides will then disambiguate punitive tariff increases imposed on each other's agriculture trade last November.

The Reagan Administration is expected to unblock a steel accord negotiated this year, allowing community producers to ship more semi-finished steel products to the US.

Mr Yetter said: "We believe the agreement is well-balanced, satisfactory and meets the needs of both parties."

The tariff increases that are expected to go include punitive US duties on imports of community pasta and punitive community duties on imports of American walnuts and lemons.

But the centrepiece of the agreement concerns the status of the EEC's preferential trad-

ing arrangement with the Mediterranean. According to a community official, the US has agreed to recognize the political and economic value of the arrangement and not to challenge it legally under international trading rules.

In exchange, the Reagan Administration has gained a trade concession from the community, the official said.

Later, in a communique, the officials said that both sides will implement a series of reciprocal measures which will further liberalize trade.

According to the communique, the two sides have found a modus vivendi for reaching a prompt and mutually satisfactory solution on pasta, which has been the subject of a long-standing dispute.

The community official declined to say whether the it has agreed to immediately reduce the level of its export subsidies on pasta as part of an overall deal that includes the dismantling of punitive US pasta duties.

But he said the two sides have set a deadline of July 1, next year for a resolution of the problem. Mr Yetter said the agreement agreed well for the future of US-EEC trade relations.

In reaching an agreement both the US and the EEC avoided a new round of trade retaliation which had threatened to poison the atmosphere of preparatory talks for a new round of world trade talks. These are scheduled to take place in Uruguay from September 15 to 20.

Standard bank rescue trio 'to be directors'

by Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent.

The three businessmen who rescued Standard Chartered from the bid by Lloyds Bank last month are believed to have accepted invitations from Standard to become directors. But speculation continues over the intentions they may have for the bank which announces its half year results in a week's time.

Sir Yue Kong Pao, the Hong Kong entrepreneur, holds the largest stake with 15 per cent, followed by Mr Robert Holmes a Court, chairman of Bell Group, with more than 8 per cent. Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, a Singapore businessman, holds 5 per cent.

Sir Yue Kong and Tan Sri Khoo are believed to favour

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floating off the more profitable parts of the bank, such as the far eastern and US operations. Mr Holmes a Court may favour keeping the bank, which recently granted him a £1 billion credit facility, intact.

Standard has been considering the possibility of gaining separate quotations for different parts of the group.

There were suggestions in the City last week that Tan Sri Khoo had been negotiating to buy Sir Yue Kong's stake. Tan Sri Khoo already holds a substantial stake in Exco International, the London based money broker, which failed to merge with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, earlier this year.

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"Many countries, especially least developed and sub-Saharan Africa countries, must receive substantially higher amounts of highly concessional aid, as well as debt relief."

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Third World outlook gloomy

By Teresa Poole

The underlying prospects for the developing world remain highly unfavourable, according to a major study on Third World development published today.

Improvement will only come about through significant policy changes to stimulate growth in the developed market-economy countries, it says.

In the 1986 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Development Report, Mr Kenneth Dadzie, secretary general of Unctad, gives warning that deflationary forces "now constitute the single most pervasive threat to world prosperity."

He adds: "It is sapping the vitality of much of the world's economy — the developing countries in particular — and eroding the fabric of international trade and finance, leaving in its trail widespread

unemployment, slack, protectionism and insolvency."

UNCTAD calls for a loosening of monetary policy in the United States and greater fiscal and monetary stimulus in western Europe and Japan.

Governments are also told to co-ordinate their policies more successfully to avoid conflicts, particularly over trade restrictions.

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more flexible and innovative approaches to debt. It suggests that an international version of filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code could be developed which would afford protection to a debtor country while it sought a solution to its financial difficulties.

No significant change in world economic growth is foreseen for 1986 and developed market economies are expected to grow at 2.8 per cent with some rebound in the US but a slowing in Japan, Western Europe is expected to continue to grow slowly.

The recent decline in the oil price is not expected to be expansionary for the world economy as a whole. Developing countries overall are set to lose \$50 billion in net export revenues in 1986. Oil exporting developing countries are under severe strain, with some en-

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ANALYSIS

Vendor placings reveal need for capital issues rethink

The spate of vendor placings and vendor rights issues is making it increasingly clear that the regulatory environment surrounding secondary capital issues is going to need a rethink.

The trouble with vendor placings is that they seem to please no-one except the issuing companies and possibly their merchant bankers. Shareholders are deprived of their rights and they reduce the Bank of England's ability to regulate capital issues.

Yet the accounting standard, SSAP 23 positively encourages acquisitions for shares, surely an unintended effect.

The Stock Exchange set out its position on the subject in last week's press release on floatations and pre-emption. It has decided that there will be no limits on vendor placings, except that large issues will be disallowed if the enlarged group would be treated as a new applicant.

Without question, vendor placings ride rough-shod over the pre-emption rights of individual shareholders. But faced with a fait accompli that they are now endorsed by the Stock Exchange as a legitimate way of raising money, the large institutions have come up with the "clawback" device.

This ensures that shareholders can apply for the issue in proportion to their shareholdings.

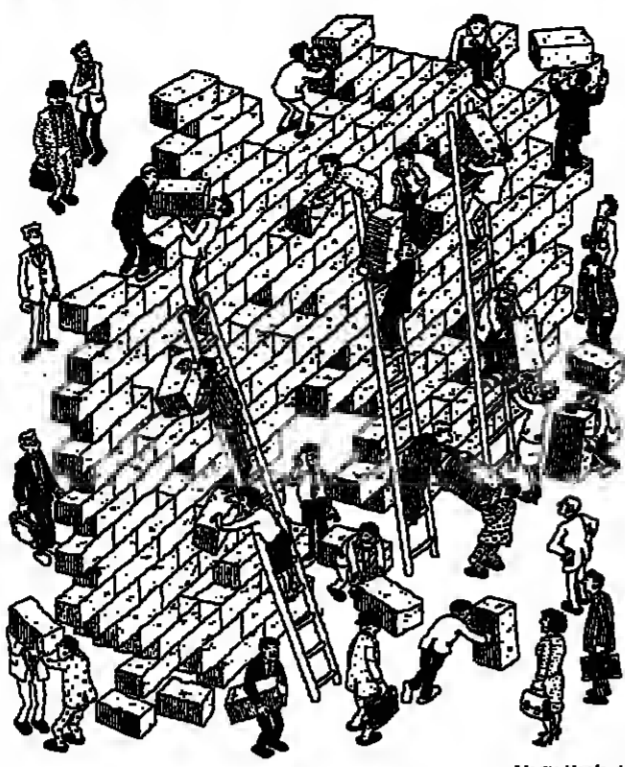
There is no implication here that the institutional shareholders approve of vendor placings. Rather, clawback is seen as a way of salvaging some shareholder rights out of the mess.

Mr Jim Findlay, managing director of Prudential Portfolio Managers, believes that "the rights issue route is the best way forward." He stresses the importance of keeping shareholder involvement in their companies and not going the American route of shareholders becoming divorced from management.

Vendor placings also adversely affect the tax position of insurance company and other funds. In an ordinary rights issue, the nil-paid rights can be transferred between funds without attracting capital gains tax so long as the proceeds are less than 5 per cent of the total holding.

Under the capital gains tax pooling arrangements, stock acquired in a vendor placing cannot be moved around the funds without incurring potentially enormous tax liabilities.

In its role as supervisor of capital issues in Britain, the Bank of England must be becoming increasingly worried. The Government has supervised all capital raising activities in Britain one way



Martin Handford

another since 1939. In 1967, the power passed to the Bank of England which now exercises control over the raising of capital via the government broker.

The government broker controls all new issues and secondary issues by requiring the issuing companies to seek his consent as to the timing of the issue.

The list of pending issues has become known as the queue, the purpose of which is to maintain an orderly market, and to make sure that government funding policy is not interfered with by, for example, so many company issues that it reduces the appetite for gilts, or privatizations.

To avoid bunching, the government broker requires the issuing company to seek timing consent for capital issues. He will ensure that

Merger and acquisition

That merger accounting, as opposed to acquisition accounting, is allowed at all in Britain is something of an anomaly. In the United States, for example, all takeovers and mergers must be accounted for as acquisitions.

The key differences between the two approaches are:

- In acquisition accounting, where A acquires B, all of B's assets are revalued at the date of the acquisition for incorporation into A's accounts. If the price paid by A is greater than the value of the assets, then a goodwill account is created, which must then be written off, either against distributable reserves or profit in the profit and loss account.
● In merger accounting the

Government tries to ensure that the market will be receptive. In the US, the government auctions stock when it feels like it. The market has a good idea of what treasury funding is going to take place about a month in advance and firms can then avoid these days when raising capital.

The Securities and Exchange Commission monitors forthcoming issues through the system of "shelf registration" whereby blocks of shares are on the SEC's shelf for issue when required, but bunching of issues is more likely to occur.

Mr Tim Hazell, analyst at the brokers, Phillips & Drew said: "If the market is weak, there may be only six inches of secondary issue announcements in the weekly newspaper, Barrons. If the market is strong, it will be three times that on a conservative estimate."

Meanwhile, the Accounting Standard Committee is in danger of being acutely embarrassed by abuse of its standard governing accounting for acquisitions and mergers, SSAP 23.

As a general principle, accounting rules should be neutral as far as business decision-making is concerned. But by allowing merger accounting, SSAP 23 positively encourages the use of equity rather than cash for making acquisitions.

The acquiring company obtains considerable advantages - not least because it need not create a goodwill account. It therefore avoids reducing its earnings while the goodwill is being written off.

Through the use of vendor placings, issuing companies are driving a coach and horses through SSAP 23. Vendor placings are in serious danger of becoming an artificial device to allow companies to merger account.

The standard is open to abuse, and it needs to be tightened up. Indeed, the law needs to be tightened up. But the processes of the law, and indeed of the Accounting Standards Committee can be ponderous and slow.

The big bang will not wait. But what has been revealed is that companies and their advisors are only too ready to exploit loopholes.

What is also being revealed is that every time one set of rules is changed, it affects other parts of the regulatory framework. It is a bit like trying to rearrange the bricks in a wall. If some of the bricks are removed, other parts of the structure start to fall down. How much easier it would be if we could start again with a new wall.

Carol Ferguson

Car rental market likely to decline

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

The car rental market, worth about £270 million a year in sales, is likely to shrink this year, hit by declines in the leisure sector and business users.

One of the few growth areas is renting prestige cars such as Porsches, said Mr John Howard, managing director of Hertz UK, one of Britain's top three car renters.

He added: "It is in the South-east that the prestige cars are in demand and the City of London has a lot to do with it. We are running at up to 300 rentals a month, double the rate we had been seeing."

Hertz, which claims to be the world's largest car rental operation, is now part of United Airlines. Its main competitors in Britain are Europcar, Avis and Swan National.

The drop in the number of American visitors including business travellers, in the wake of the terrorism scares earlier this year, compounded by the weaker buying power of the American dollar, hit the leisure sector in car rental badly.

Mr Howard said: "The Hertz leisure product out of the United States was down 20 per cent earlier this year and the total market was further down. But there has been a resurgence in July and Hertz is just about getting back to the high volumes seen in the similar period of last year."

There was also a sharp decline in business usage in May and that sector generally was probably down by between 5 and 6 per cent, he said.

British companies had been cutting back on car rental for several months, so he was cautious about prospects for any growth in this sector this year.

The leisure sector for the car rental industry overall was likely to be down this year. But Hertz was set to beat last year's results because there had been effects in the leisure sector such as growth in the number of travellers from Europe, Mr Howard said. Hertz was also making further inroads into the half of the car rental market which has been in the hands of local garages.

And it had attacked the business market with what it claimed was the best service to the industry. Hertz believes there is a group of business users willing to pay for quality.

GILT-EDGED

No justification for high yields

When the annual inflation rate was last at the present figure of 2.9 per cent in 1967, the yield on long gilts was about 6.9 per cent. In contrast, typical current yields on long gilts now stand over 2 1/2 per cent higher at a level of about 9.5 to 9.75 per cent.

If inflation remains at its current level, then the real rate of return on long gilts would be about 7 per cent - a generous return by any standards. So an observer may well ask: "What's wrong with the gilt-edged market?"

The answer seems to be that, even though most traders in the market recognise that it does look cheap, bearing in mind the prospects for inflation, there are all sorts of real or apparent problems in the short term.

The first set of problems relates to the currency and oil. In July 1985, sterling, having traded for four months very close to the level of 76 on the exchange rate index, suddenly drifted downwards, prompting the usual rash of bearish commentaries.

The fall in the currency does mean that with a lag, inflation is likely to rise from its current cyclical low. However, the effect will not be very great because sterling is still strong against the dollar in which most commodity prices are denominated. The fall in sterling could not justify the current premium of gilt yields over inflation.

The principal effect of the fall in sterling on demand for gilts has been to mute demand from Japanese investors, who are by far the major source of overseas interest. In yen terms, the fall of the pound from ¥270 to ¥230 has wiped out most, if not all, gains Japanese investors have made in the sharp rise in gilts in the first quarter of 1986.

Oil worries are another potential source of uncertainty - but even here, the recent Opec oil price agreement must help sentiment. Certainly the Chancellor will be quite content with the current level of oil prices. Given the buoyancy of tax revenues reflecting both past and present economic growth, oil prices around these levels could lead to a considerable undershoot on the current Public Sector Borrowing Requirement target of £7 billion.

Another more nebulous concern is confusion surrounding the objectives of Government's monetary policy. The problem here is that it does not spoon-feed the market with information about its objectives (to contrast to the US Federal Reserve Board). It can often happen that the first jolting

the market gets of a change in policy, or a problem with implementation of policy, is a sudden surge of gilt sales by the Bank of England.

Just such a surge has in fact recently taken place. The money supply figures for the month to mid-July show that the Government sold £1.2 billion more gilts than was necessary to fund the PSBR, including calls on previously issued stocks. It tried to sell even more gilts during that month by announcing an extremely badly received tender of Treasury 8 1/2% 2007 stock, but the issue flopped and is still overhanging the market.

This behaviour provides the market background to the discussion in the past two weeks' contributions to this column about what the objectives of official policy actually are. In November 1985 the Chancellor formally abandoned the official policy of "overfunding", that is, selling more gilts than was necessary to finance the PSBR, as a means of controlling the money supply.

An unwanted side-effect of the previous policy was a huge build-up of commercial bills of exchange in the Bank of England. When the Government sold the extra gilts, it created money market shortages which it relieved by buying bills. This accumulation of bills was getting so out of hand that the policy would have had to be abandoned anyway.

However, the Bank of England has also discovered a clever indirect way of providing assistance to the money markets. This involves lending money to Local Authorities via the Public Works Loans Board, who then give inadvertent assistance to the money market by repaying bank loans or making deposits.

In March and April the authorities' desire for this cheap finance was so ardent that the ceiling of £35 billion on these loans was in danger of being breached. So, in a last-minute amendment to the Finance Act, the ceiling was raised to £42 billion.

These technical manoeuvres do not signal yet a further change of policy. They do mean, however, that overfunding can come back without a rise in the bill mountain.

Alternatively, the bill holdings can be reduced, as they have been, and then a bout of overfunding can follow later which rebuilds the holdings, as clearly happened in July. The Government has now greater freedom of action. As the money supply, mea-

sured by sterling M3, is still growing at 19 1/2 per cent a year, the Government must be sorely tempted to resort to at least temporary overfunding. However, its recent actions in the market are still just consistent with the officially declared policy of no-overfunding, so for the time being it must be given the benefit of the doubt.

Another fact which would be regarded as going against the market is the political uncertainty arising from the next General Election. Most traders would expect either higher gilt sales or higher inflation, or both, to arise from any alternatives to the present Government's policies. (It is fair to say that worries about this do not appear to be a major factor in the market, although perhaps they should be.)

Apart from the rather negative arguments considered above, there are many good reasons for buying. Public spending is under control. There is more likely to be an undershoot than an overshoot on the PSBR target of £7 billion, especially if the sterling price of oil remains at present levels.

The current yield margin of about 2 per cent of UK bonds over US bonds is quite high on the history of the past two years. The Plaza Accord, which is likely to lead to continuing moves to boost the world economy by the concerted international lowering of short-term interest rates, is still intact and is unlikely to rekindle world inflation, in today's disinflationary climate.

Many factors that are bearish for equities, such as worries about the pace of economic growth both in the UK and worldwide, should be good for bonds.

In terms of absolute value, bonds worldwide are hardly reflecting the tremendous progress made against inflation over the past few years. In the UK, conditions are particularly favourable because of the low level of public borrowing compared to the US or Japan.

From a medium-term perspective, in its obsession with guessing what the UK authorities are going to do next, the market does seem to be ignoring the fundamentals. To revert to the question asked at the outset - what's wrong with the gilt-edged market? The answer seems to be: nothing that can justify the current high level of yields relative to inflation.

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ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 8th August 1986, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below.

Table with columns for Stock name, Redemption date, and Interest payment dates. Includes 2 1/2 per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2013 and 2020.

Both the principal of and the interest on the Stocks are indexed to the General Index of Retail Prices. The Index figure relevant to any month is that published seven months previously and relating to the month before the month of publication. The Index figure relevant to the month of issue of 2 1/2 per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2013 is that relating to June 1984 (1351.9); the equivalent Index figure for 2 1/2 per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2020 is that relating to February 1983 (1327.3). These Index figures will be used for the purposes of calculating payments of principal and interest due in respect of the relevant further tranches of stock.

Table showing relevant Index figure for each Stock, with columns for Interest payable, Published in, and Relevant Index figure.

The further tranche of 2 1/2 per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2013 has been issued on a dividend basis and will not rank for the interest payment due on 16th August 1986 on the existing Stock. The further tranche of 2 1/2 per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2020 will rank for a full six months' interest on 16th October 1986.

Each of the Stocks referred to in this notice is specified under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 as a gilt-edged security (under current legislation exempt from tax on capital gains, irrespective of the period for which the Stock is held).

Government statement Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 24th May 1985 which explained that, in the interests of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, the further tranches of stock are issued or sold by, or on behalf of, the Government or the Bank, that to whom such disclosure can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure, and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND LONDON 8th August 1986

MONEY MARKETS

Table of money market rates including Euro Money Deposits, Gold, Treasury Bills, and ECGD. Lists various terms and rates for different currencies and instruments.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling spot and forward rates, and other sterling rates. Includes rates for various countries like Argentina, Australia, and others.

RESULTS

Table of company results for various firms including Henry Ansbacher Holdings, Bio-technology Investments, Canadian Pacific, Debron Investments, Jamesons Chocolates, Renown Inc, Transport Development Group, etc.

Industrial boom in South-east

Industry in the South-east is still bucking the national trend with a wide range of companies reporting rising orders and output. The claim comes from Mr Frank Micklethwaite, chairman of the south eastern regional council of the Confederation of British Industry, whose recent quarterly trends survey showed that "taking the country as a whole - manu-

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Marston's Results for the year to 31st March 1986. Table showing Turnover, Profit before Taxation, Profit retained in the Business, Earnings per share, Dividend per share, Dividend Cover, Net Assets per Share. Includes a list of shareholders and their percentages.

USM REVIEW

Junior market holds key for small entrepreneurs

One of the most under-researched areas on the USM is the property sector but there are a number of companies that have chosen to use the secondary market as a route to raising capital which has still succeeded in attracting considerable interest.

The background to the direct property market over the last five years has been difficult because of the poor commercial rental growth in the aftermath of the 1980/81 recession. Large amounts of industrial and office space have been available in the early 1980s, much of which was perceived as increasingly obsolescent while the change in sentiment towards inflation and the need for the traditional inflation hedge which property investment has always provided also undermined institutional competence.

The amount of available industrial and office space has however begun to decline since 1983 and this has provided the opportunity for young property development

companies who sell on their developments on completion to fund their next projects and whose profits are primarily derived from the development, not from rental income.

For these entrepreneurial companies a USM listing has particular advantages. It provides the ability to finance future acquisitions with the issue of paper and the means to incentivise key members of the management team as for all public companies, but also of particular importance to a cash hungry property company, it enables the founder shareholders to retain a significant stake in their business while attracting an adequate amount of outside capital.

The most successful property stock floated on the USM has recently graduated to a full listing by means of a reverse takeover. Clayform Properties joined the USM in April 1985 with a track record which showed the management's ability to develop major retail and hi-tech developments. An

ambitious bid for the department store group Owen Owen for the purpose of redevelopment was thwarted last summer by a counter offer from Ward White but the group made good progress with its own development programme especially the Schofield Shopping Centre in Leeds which will cover over 250,000 sq ft.

In June the company announced an agreed merger with Samuel Properties which valued Samuels at £86 million. The acquisition provides Clayform with the opportunity to increase its asset base so that a greater proportion of its developments can be retained and financed as intended. There is perhaps an irony that a company whose shares have appreciated because it has been a property trader and has avoided the dullness of rental income stocks should seek to turn itself into such a vehicle as it matures. It will however be better equipped to withstand any downturn in the development cycle.

At an earlier stage of

development is Brookmount which joined the USM in January this year. The Group has principally three investment properties - namely large shopping centres located in Northern Ireland which offers a source of revenue and cashflow from which the group can finance development projects either directly or jointly with partners. Major projects include the redevelopment of the Brooklands Race Circuit to include industrial, retail office and leisure schemes and a 60,000 sq ft office development at Uxbridge.

The majority of the £2.1 million gross profit in the year to March 1986 came from rental income but this balance is likely to shift as more development projects get underway. At 290p the shares stand at a premium to net asset value of 22p but it is unlikely to move to a discount.

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APPOINTMENTS

British Telecommunications: Mr Graeme Odgers will become deputy chairman from October 1 in succession to Mr Deryk Vander Weyer. Geest: Mr David Brown is the new executive director. Tandem Computers: Mr Walter Wriston has been elected to the board.

Toyota (GB): Mr Nick Dogger has become legal and personnel director.

Porvair: Mr Brian Webb has been made a director.

John Howitt Group: Mr Geoffrey Keat has joined the board.

Smith New Court Agency: Mr Roger Aylard has been appointed assistant director, research.

Hospital Capital Corporation: Mr Humphrey Nicholls has been made managing director.

Octagon Investment Management: Mr Christopher Rowlands is now managing director.

JH Minet: Mr Nick Martin has been made executive director of the North American marine division.

BAA: Sir Norman Payne, Mr JE Boyd, Mr J Mulken, Mr HG Ashton, Mr JM Drinkwater, Mr DMG King, Mr WC Shaw and Mr S Weighell have been appointed to the board. Sir Norman has been made chairman and Mr Boyd deputy chairman.

The following have joined the boards of the subsidiaries of which Mr J Grice has been made company secretary:

Heathrow Airport: Mr DMG King is now chairman and managing director and Mr A Proctor deputy managing director.

Stansted Airport: Mr AJ Mands has been named as chairman and managing director, with Mr CJ Ambrose as director, airport operations and Mr Ar Westrook director, Stansted development.

Scottish Airports: Mr JE Boyd has been made chairman (part-time), Dr WG Watson managing director and Mr H Pageot deputy managing director.

Glasgow Airport: Dr WG Watson has become chairman and Mr D Roberts managing director.

Edinburgh Airport: Dr WG Watson has been appointed chairman with Mr I Badger as managing director.

Aberdeen Airport: Dr WG Watson is chairman and Mr C Carlow managing director.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Borrie concentrates minds of the beerage

As they head for the grouse moors, the brewers have more on their minds than the birds. In recent months, the brewing industry has had some powerful shocks to the system. The predatory drive of outsiders like John Elliott and Lord Hanson have threatened the status quo, but the unkindness of all is the decision of Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, to ask the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the industry.

It is the two years the investigation will take, the brewers will have their work cut out to persuade the MMC that the structure of the industry, held together by the tied house system, should not be reformed in a radical manner. If they fail, the practices and habits of a commercial lifetime might have to be abandoned.

The brewers have a great deal to lose and they can be relied upon to defend their estate to the last drop of tied beer. Through their well-organized trade association, the Brewers' Society, they have moved quickly to retain the seasoned services of Jeremy Leaver, QC. They have also set up a high-level defence committee under the leadership of Ian Prosser, heir-apparent to Sir Derek Palmer at Bass and the industry's most prominent intellectual. He is thought to be the best qualified man to take on those clever chaps at the MMC.

Alongside him will be Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman of Allied-Lyons, Allen Sheppard, head of the Watney-Truman division of Grand Metropolitan, and Anthony Fuller, the next chairman of the Brewers' Society, and spokesman for the "small" brewers.

Sir Derrick is a hardcase as well as a polished performer. He is currently undergoing the MMC treatment (the report on Elders' bid for Allied should be with the Secretary of State next month). Allen Sheppard is another shrewd choice, for two reasons. He is tough and determined. And Grand Metropolitan's vigorous competitive discounting of beer prices helped persuade the demon Borrie that the industry's price structure is too high and at least bears examination.

The brewers tried to deflect Sir Gordon by pointing out that the industry had been investigated before, at great cost in management time.

There have been two major inquiries in the last 20 years, by the MMC in the late 1960s, and the European Commission in the early

1980s. The brewers claim that these led to significant changes. In practical terms, it is hard to see much impact. Not surprisingly, perhaps, because both inquiries concluded that the tied estate system was wrong because it restricted consumer choice and kept prices up, but it was so entrenched that a major effort of political will would be needed to make any fundamental change.

Having identified the tied house as the chief reason why the price of beer was so high, the MMC suggested a series of pub swaps to reduce the level of regional concentration of pub ownership. The brewers happily complied.

Since then, the real price of beer has risen by about 1 per cent a year.

The EEC investigation focused largely on consumer choice. Its recommendations did result in a loosening of the tie for tenants only on wines and spirits - again to the relief of the brewers. Spirits brands not owned by the brewers now have better distribution in tenanted houses than in managed houses. Nonetheless, the leading brands are still not as widely available in tenanted as in free houses.

Furthermore, the focus on spirits meant that other beverages such as beer, cider, and soft drinks were unaffected. Less than 1 per cent of bitter sold in tied pubs is produced by a brewer other than the brewer owning the pub. The charge against the brewers is that they still exercise virtually complete control over choice of brands.

The brewers argue that if the tie were weakened or abolished, the choice of brands would actually be more restricted. This is a doubtful claim, since existing brands that are popular would probably thrive in a more competitive environment. As for the survival of local brands, the brewers have been compelled to preserve regional ales because of consumer pressures.

High prices, high costs, falling sales, and tiny exports all point to the need for change in the industry. If the Brewers' Society is as confident as it says that there is no case to answer, or if there is a case, it has the answer, it should not lament "the cost of management time" involved in the MMC investigation. Whether through the agency of the commission or other means like takeovers, the industry is in a phase of inevitable change. The discipline of having to think about fundamentals can do no harm.

COMPANY NEWS

BESTWOOD: The company to buy Property Building & Maintenance (London). PBM is a private company with an annual turnover of £2.2 million and is in the maintenance, refurbishment and specialist cleaning of commercial property in the Greater London area. The vendors of PBM have warranted that pretax profits for 1986 will be not less than £400,000.

JW SPEAR & SONS: Half-year to June 30. Turnover £3.54 million (£3.23 million). Pretax loss £80,000 (profit £35,000). Loss per share 1.2p (earnings 2.6p).

MEADOW FARM PRODUCE: The company is to buy DT Duggins, which is based in West Midlands. The £2.9 million cash Duggins operates abattoir and related facilities from freehold premises conveniently situated in Meadow Farm's operations in the slaughter of beef and lamb.

STEEL BROTHERS HOLDINGS: Spicneys Australia, a subsidiary, has won a major contract with OK Teda Mining at its gold and copper mine in the western province of Papua New Guinea. The contract will be worth more than £5 million a year over the contract period.

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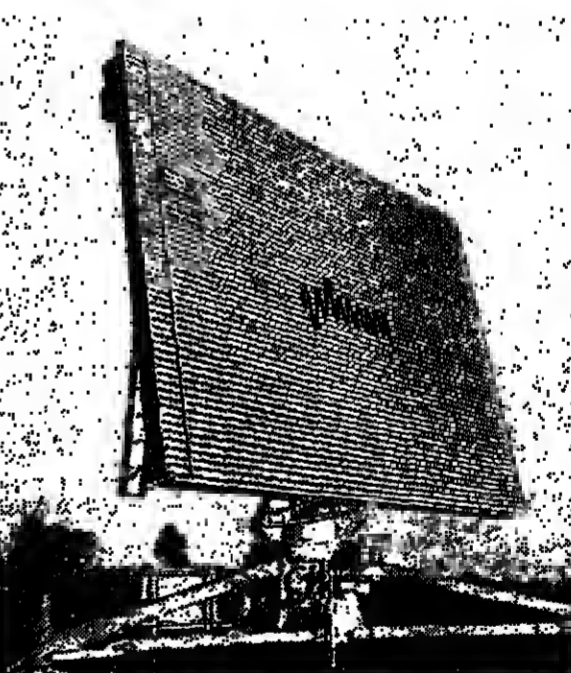
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NUCLEAR FLASH-PROOF GOGGLES

The Plessey Caswell laboratories are working on an application of PLZT electro-optic material to provide nuclear flash-proof goggles for aircrew.

ICE SENSOR MAY REDUCE AIR CRASHES

Scientists at Plessey have developed a heat sensitive probe designed to sense ice build-up on helicopter rotor blades and on fixed wing aircraft.

The invention has the potential to prevent fatal accidents like the crash of the Boeing 737 into the Potomac River in Washington DC in 1982 which cost 78 lives.

Techniques currently available to stop ice forming are primarily on military aircraft. However, these techniques are more complex and only work once ice has formed.

The Plessey invention consists of a heated probe (thermostated at a typical 78°C. It measures the liquid water in the air around the aircraft.

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Plessey is supplying integrated circuits worth over £1.5 million for the Interceptor - the world's first hand-held teletext receiver manufactured by Teletext International Limited of Crawley.

The Interceptor, designed and assembled in the UK, will be available in October 1986 and is the result of extensive collaboration between Plessey and Teletext.

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

The way to make the grade

If you're waiting for your A level results then you don't necessarily need to read this. But how strong are your nerves? With any luck you have passed your exams with flying colours and soon the champagne and congratulations will be flowing. And yet in a few days time, without question, there will be a sizeable number of sixth-formers who will be casting around for a bolt hole after getting disappointing grades. So you had better be prepared.

As far as the universities are concerned, of course, UCAS operates a "clearing scheme" which helps to match rejected candidates with vacant places. Last summer 7,200 applicants were placed in this way so there may still be some room in the system if you have missed your required grades by just a point or two.

But what if the UCAS net doesn't scoop you up? Have you explored the other possibilities? For example, most of the really exciting things in higher education are happening in the polytechnics. Have you made any arrangements with them?

"Students take months deciding which courses to apply to, so it's a shame if they have to rush into a decision at the last moment just because they've got poor results," said Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Polytechnics Central Admissions System (PCAS). "I advise students to work out a contingency plan before they get their grades so that they are prepared to move quickly if necessary."

It's not a complete disaster if your A-levels are not up to scratch. Edward Fennell has some good practical advice

technic and through ECTIS (the Educational Counselling and Credit Transfer Information Service funded by the Department of Education and Science). Again, for both services there will be a daily update and ECTIS also offers candidates a "Thesaurus" of courses to refer them to other relevant disciplines if their first-choice subject is full.

For students who don't have instant access to the TTNS or Prestel, PCAS is offering a telephone information system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This



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This year, fortunately, those who are looking for a last minute vacancy are able to call on a range of computerized information systems which should mean that finding a course is no longer a lottery.

The introduction of a co-ordinated system of polytechnic admissions has triggered off a huge effort to provide applicants with up-to-the-minute information. And due to the use of electronic mail there will be a quick and easy system for relating applicants' details to admissions tutors.

As far as schools are concerned the most useful source of vacancy information should be *The Times* Network for Schools (TTNS) which has 2,400 "subscribers" scattered across 1,800 schools and 600 other educational outlets.

From this month 13 TTNS will be updated daily by the polytechnics so there is an exact tally of what is available and where. "We've tried the route already," said TTNS chief executive Gordon Jones, "and we know it works. We think it will be a great asset to candidates and advisers."

Prestel will also be carrying vacancy information both through the Polycol system administered by Middlesex Poly-

Information alone, therefore, is not enough. Indeed, the more information available the more advice and guidance is needed to sort through which courses are appropriate. And that advice is best available through your local education authority's careers service.

"I expect that we will be busier than ever this year because the cut-back in places is bound to result in more people on our doorsteps who need advice," said Tony Corder, the principal area careers officer in Cambridgeshire with the responsibility for setting up the various computer systems. "Although the computerized information is extremely valuable I see it as being primarily an aid to the careers adviser."

"When students come in looking for vacancies they need to receive careful guidance about course content and its relevance to their career ambitions. In their haste to get on to a course they shouldn't take rash decisions. In any case, most of them will need assistance in finding their way through the computer programme so the involvement of the careers adviser is bound to be extensive."

About 1,200 careers advisers are on stand-by at this time of year as part of the Advanced Further Education Information Service and most of them will be tuned into the various computer information systems. But as Tony Corder, one of the advisers involved in APEIS, points out, there is still a sizeable chunk of degree places - in the colleges and institutes of higher education -

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which remain outside the daily updated computerized system.

"As a result we will still be working on slightly incomplete information."

Details of the state of play at the colleges and institutes of higher education will depend on the weekly circulation of printed lists to the careers advisers. But because the situation changes so rapidly this information can rarely be relied on.

It must also be admitted that even the computerized systems cannot be guaranteed as definitive or final statements of vacancy status.

As one academic registrar said: "The information which we give to PCAS will be generally correct. But in reality there are very few inflexible courses. There are always marginal candidates who can be squeezed in if we like them enough. So if an admissions tutor who had officially closed their books on admissions was approached by a candidate with eight or nine A level points, then the chances are that a place would be found."

The moral is that if your results are good it is always worth contacting direct by phone your favoured institution or course even though officially it may be full. If they like you enough, somehow they will get you in.

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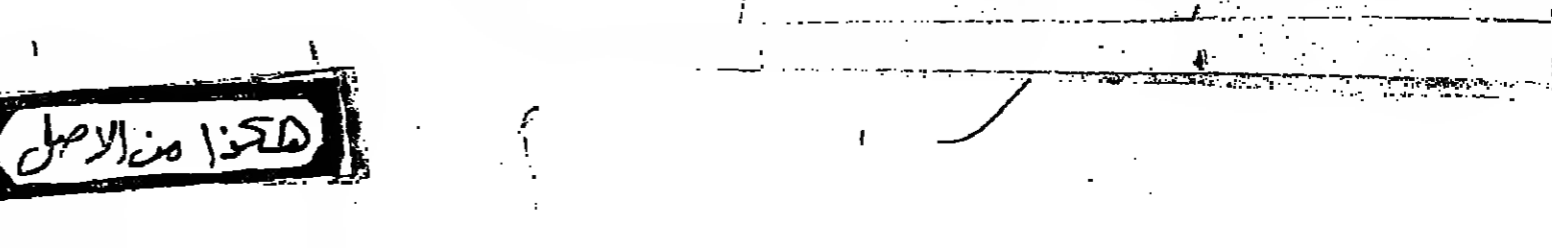
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SPORT

Norman loses record to Tway

Toledo, Ohio (Reuters) — Greg Norman shot a steady 69 on Saturday to maintain a four-stroke lead after three rounds of the 68th PGA Championship. But the round of the day went to Bob Tway who set a course record 64, seven under par.

Norman, who was angry with himself on Friday when he struck his first two bogeys of the championship, made two pars and no bogeys in taking his 54-hole total to 202, eleven under par, for the 6,982-yard course at the Inverness Club.

Tway, who started the day nine shots behind Norman, moved into second place with a score which bettered by one stroke the course record which Norman set on his way to the first round.

Norman, who tied the major championship record of 63 on his way to winning last month's Open, could not fail to be impressed with Tway's round. "What Bob Tway did was fantastic," Norman said. "It was an exceptional score—a great, great golf score."

Tway, who has won three tournaments this year on the American tour, made four birdies on each nine but he also bogeyed the ninth hole where he three-putted from 30 feet. Two of his birdies, on the seventh and 17th holes, came on putts of 25 feet.

Norman, on the other hand, could not make a putt but he chipped in twice, both times to save par. The second chipped in came on the 523-yard 13th, a par five, which had to be the strangest hole of the tournament. Norman drove into the right rough and then pulled a six-iron into the left rough under a tree. When he could not take a normal stance because of an overhanging branch, he put the ball back into play by hitting it with a sand wedge left-handed.

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206: R Tway, 72, 70, 64.
208: P Jacobsen, 68, 70, 70.
209: P Stewart, 70, 67, 72: D Hammond, 70, 71, 68.
210: J Nicklaus, 70, 68, 72: B Litzcke, 69, 71, 70.
211: O Probst (SA), 73, 68, M Hulbert, 68, 68, 71: J Thomsen, 71, 67, 72: O A Werming, 71, 72, 68: D Twardy, 73, 71, 68.
212: W Lew, 68, 73, 71: G Sauer, 69, 73, 70: A Siles, 71, 72, 69.
213: T Watson, 72, 69, 72: M McCumber, 71, 74, 68, 8 Wadkins, 69, 74, 70: M Lyle, 72, 71, 70: C Pavin, 71, 72, 70: R Black, 69, 71, 74.
214: F Couples, 69, 73, 72: C Sieder, 67, 74, 72: O Love, 70, 72, 72: L Nelson, 73, 69, 72: C Peete, 72, 73, 69: M Reid, 71, 73, 70: P Hooley, 71, 74, 69: L Trowen, 71, 74, 69: H Sutton, 73, 71, 72: M Woods, 73, 67, 72: K Green, 71, 72, 71.
215: O Graham (Aus), 75, 69, 71: T Nakajima (Japan), 73, 73, 72: J McQuaid (Aus), 68, 75, 71: C Beck, 71, 73, 71: S Simpson, 70, 70, 75.
216: I Anli (Spain), 73, 69, 74: A Bean, 74, 70, 72: S Palmer, 76, 69, 71: B Gardner, 72, 73, 71: L Wadhvani, 73, 75, 70: F Mize, 72, 71: B Lipper, 71, 73, 73: C Rose, 67, 71, 72: J Baker, 72, 71, 73: M Donald, 74, 69, 73: O Pratt, 71, 71, 74.
217: I Woodhouse (GB), 72, 70, 75: S Hoch, 72, 70, 75: O Edwards, 72, 69, 76: J Simmon, 70, 71, 76: O Barr (Can), 71, 73, 73: B Greenhaw, 72, 73, 72: J Okler, 69, 75, 73: R Malpas, 73, 70, 74.
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221: J C Shead, 70, 76, 75.
222: O Watson (SA), 71, 74, 77.

MOTOR CYCLING
his eventual control of the race.

This time Nigel Mansell had to be content with third place, a lap behind his team colleague, but he was feeling far from content as he took his position on the victory rostrum. For the second race running his car had handled badly whereas Piquet's had been visibly superior.

"No doubt the team will discover the reason when they examine the car in detail, but all I know is that I suddenly lost all grip about four laps into the race," Mansell said.

"After the first tyre change things got a bit better for a few laps but then it all went to pieces again."

Mansell still leads the world championship and his closest rival, before the race, Alain Prost, retired with an electronic problem (Prost's McLaren partner, Keke Rosberg, also dropped out, with a handling

Piquet is the new star of the East

From John Blunsdeo Budapest

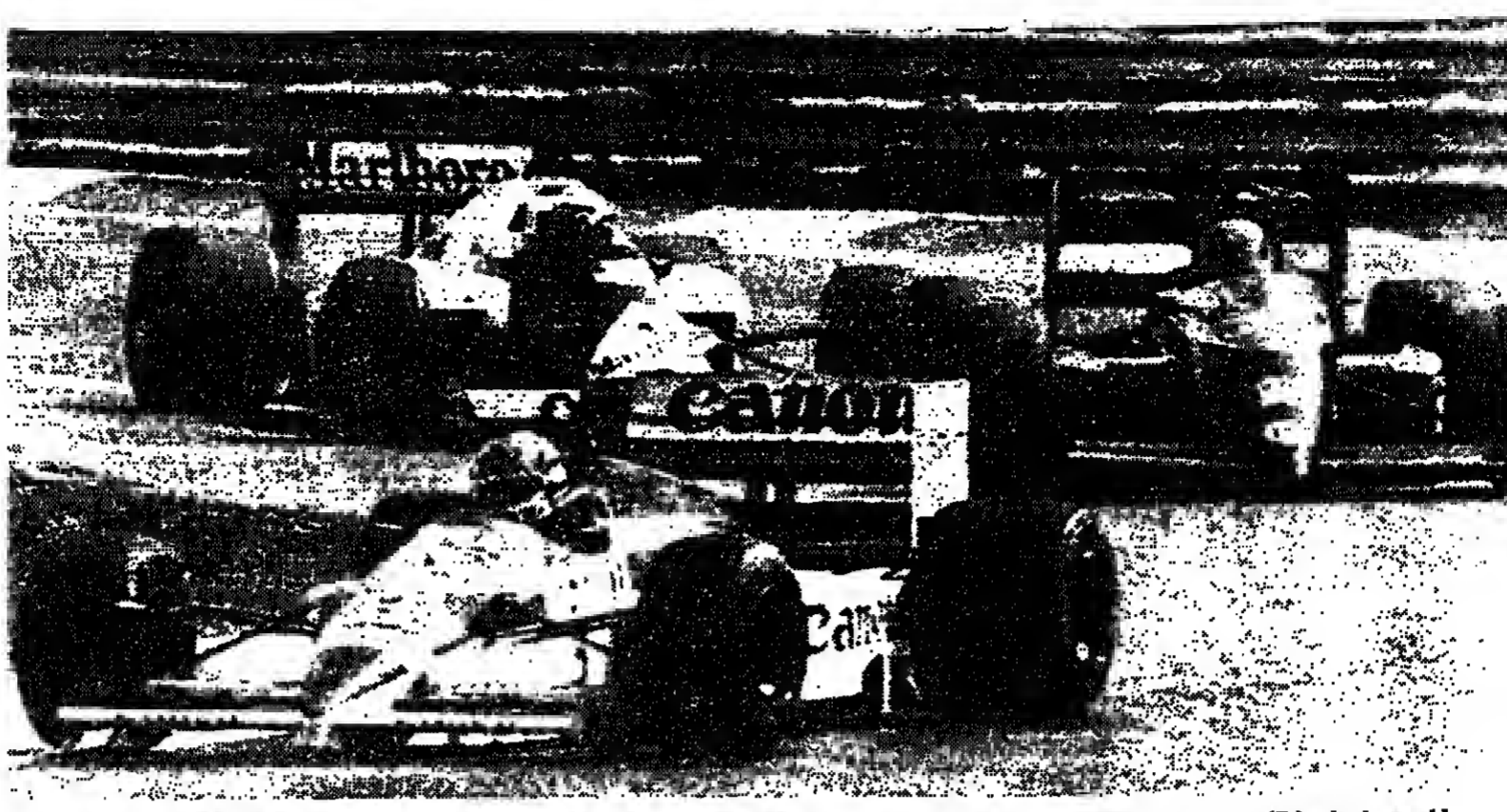
Nelson Piquet woo the first world championship race to be held in Eastern Europe yesterday after a race-long battle of tyre-conserving tactics with his fellow Brazilian, Ayrton Senna. Although the Hungarian Grand Prix quickly developed into a two-car race, it nevertheless provided one of the best contests of the season, with the winner's Canon Williams-Honda and the runner-up's Renault-powered JPS Lotus locked in combat virtually all the way and lapping the remainder of the field in the process.

Senna led at the start and kept Piquet at bay for 11 laps before the Williams driver found a way past. By this time other cars were already arriving at their pits for their first change of rubber, as drivers discovered the hard way the wisdom, or otherwise, of their pre-race tyre choices. Both the front runners conserved their tyres well and Piquet made his last until lap 35 before making a change.

This put Senna back into the lead until he, too, stopped seven laps later. He was still ahead when he rejoined the race but only by a few seconds. Then the gap between them sea-sawed repeatedly as they each took turns to cool their rubber for a while in their search for more grip.

By lap 55 out of the 77-lap contest they were nose to tail and Piquet tried to retake the lead at the end of the pits straight, only to lock up a rear wheel and immediately let Senna through again. Two laps later he tried a similar manoeuvre, but on the outside, and this time he succeeded, but only after holding one of the most spectacular slides seen from the leader of a grand prix in years.

Senna did his best to get back on terms but in the end the power of the Honda engine proved decisive as Piquet set the fastest race lap to confirm



Following the leader, Mansell shows the way to Tambay and Prost in Budapest. Despite coming third, the British driver still leads the world

problem). But Senna and Piquet closed the gap to seven and eight points respectively.

British drivers had a generally good day, only Derek Warwick failing to be among the 10 finishers — his Brabham ended in the sand after an incident with Michele Alboreto's Ferrari. Johnny Dumfries was over the moon after scoring his first points for JPS Team Lotus in fifth place behind Stefan Johansson's Ferrari while Martin Brundie was rewarded with sixth place after a gritty performance in his Data General Tyrrell-Renault.

"I began to slip out of fourth gear just before my tyre stop, then it gradually got worse until it disappeared altogether with 30 laps still to go," Brundie said. "Fourth is the most important gear of the lot here, so all I could do was switch off the rev limiter and rev the guts out of the thing in third, and thank goodness the engine took the punishment."

Jonathan Palmer was the last of the survivors in his Zakspeed. "No brakes, turbo boost all over the place, and all sorts of handling problems, but at least we got there," was his post-race summary. The Lola-Fords were going great guns early in the race with Patrick Tambay fourth and Alan Jones sixth but Tambay needed a push start when his car stalled in the middle of the track on its way to finish seventh and Jones retired in ninth.

In spectator terms the Hungarian Grand Prix was a resounding success with an estimated 200,000 people watching from the surrounding grandstands and terraces in baking hot weather. For the drivers it was an exhausting two hours (the flag came out to end the race at the time limit when only 76 of the scheduled 77 laps had been completed) but Piquet probably spoke for all his rivals when he said afterwards: "I think we'll all be very happy, indeed, to come back here again next year."

HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX: 1, N Piquet (Br), Canon-Williams-Honda, 76 laps, 2hr 09min 34.505sec, 94.333mph; 2, A Senna (Br), JPS Lotus-Honda, 76 laps; 3, N Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 75 laps; 4, S Johansson (Swe), Ferrari, 75 laps; 5, J Dumfries (GB), JPS Lotus-Renault, 74 laps; 6, M Brundie (GB), Data General Tyrrell-Renault, 74 laps; 7, P Tambay (Fr), Lola-Ford, 74 laps; 8, P Streif (Fr), Data General Tyrrell-Renault, 74 laps; 9, P Allot (Fr), Ligier-Renault, 73 laps; 10, J Palmer (GB), West Zakspeed, 70 laps.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Drivers: 1, Mansell, 55pts; 2, Senna, 48; 3, Piquet, 47; 4, Prost, 44; 5, Rosberg, 18; equal 6, Latife and Arnoux, 14; 8, Johansson, 10; equal 9, Berger and Alboreto, 6; 11, Brundie, 5; equal 12, Fabi, Patrese and Dumfries, 2; 15, Streif, 1. Constructors: 1, Williams-Honda, 102pts; 2, McLaren-TAG, 83; 3, Lotus-Renault, 50; 4, Ligier-Renault, 28; 5, Ferrari, 16; 6, Benetton-BMW, 8; 7, Tyrrell-Ford, 6; 8, Brabham-BMW, 2.

Lawson laps up a second world title

From Michael Scott, Anderstorp

Eddie Lawson, of the United States, won his second 500cc world championship in Sweden yesterday with a convincing victory over Wayne Gardner, his main rival.

Lawson put his works Marlborough Yamaha in the lead on the third lap, with Gardner's Rothmans Honda off his tail and, though the Australian appeared to challenge, Lawson waited until they started lapping slower riders at two thirds of the distance before making his big effort. At the finish he was 15 seconds ahead.

Gardner had smashed the lap record in his pursuit but in the end that went to Lawson as well.

Another American, Mike Baldwin, was third, with Rob McElnea, from Humberdale, a close fourth. The pair, on identical works Yamahas, had been 'scrapping' fiercely throughout the race. It was again slow traffic that gave Baldwin his one-second advantage.

Raymond Roche, of France, was fifth, and Didier de Radigues, of Belgium, sixth, both on Hondas, and Niall Mackenzie, of Scotland, earned respect with a second successive seventh place on the British Heron Suzuki, sponsored by Skoal Bandits. It was only his second 500cc race.

Randy Mamola was eighth, racing in considerable pain with a shoulder broken in practice at Silverstone nine days ago.

Lawson, aged 28, has won six out of 10 races this year. His immaculate performance was overshadowed only by the question of what would have happened had Freddie Spencer, the champion, not been eliminated.

With one race remaining, Gardner fuelled speculation that he may switch loyalties next year. "This year was for learning and I'll be satisfied if I finish up second. Next year I want to win — and I don't know if I'll ride a Honda or a Yamaha to do it."

RESULTS: 1, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 48min 59.33sec; 2, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 48:15.37; 3, M Baldwin (US), Yamaha, 48:17.77; 4, B McElnea (GB), Yamaha, 49:18.89; 5, R Roche (Fr), Honda, 49:47.57; 6, B de Radigues (Bel), Honda, 49:49.06.

Duthie's injury has not only put a damper on England's prospects — he is a great asset both in attack and defence — but has also upset the team's planning programme.

As matters stand the squad for the two matches against Belgium at Bisham Abbey on August 23 and 24 will be announced early this week. These matches will serve as a guide for the selections of another squad to play against West Germany at Hamburg on September 2 and 3. The squad for the World Cup will probably be picked after these matches.

YACHTING

Giving a best performance and winning the silverware

By Barry Pickthall

The one low point was the tragic accident during Friday night's fireworks display when one among the crowd watching from craft anchored out in Cowes Roads set off a magnesium distress flare horizontally which hit and killed a person on another boat.

Perhaps this often-seen but highly irresponsible and illegal practice of setting off out-of-date emergency flares during festivities like this will now be more rigorously discouraged.

Winner of yesterday's much depleted class 1 race was Peter Vroon's formidable. But the best performance during the week was earned by Roger Eghin and his crew aboard Fressell II who chalked up six wins in the Sonata class. And just to show it was no fluke they went out again yesterday and cleaned up the class 7 silverware.

They are followed by the Swiss crew from Aiglon College sailing Little Eagle in the highly-competitive J-24 class who shared five wins with the J Williams skippered Dragonfly, convincing victors in the Dragon class.

Arachon, competing in the three-man Swallow class, the Uffa Fox-designed Flying 15 Forarder, the dour sailors on Darius and South African class 2 entry The Spears also went home last night well pleased with their four wins apiece.

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HOCKEY

Injury hampers England prospects

By Sydney Friskin

England completed yesterday's training by defeating London Indians 3-0 with goals by Batchelor, Kery and Kingles, all indirectly from short corners. The London Indians' side included Dave and Bhaji Flora.

They also borrowed two players from the England training squad, Jennings and Steve Taylor, who as goalkeeper saved a fierce shot from Barber at a short corner just before the interval. Whatley said that he was impressed with the performances of the younger players.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Counting the cost

Two Italian football clubs, Foggia and Cavese, have been relegated to the second section of the third division and 11 players disqualified for up to five years for rigging matches last season. Cavese, held responsible for fixing the results of five matches, will also start next season with a five-point handicap.

The Italian FA investigation in Florence into an illegal betting ring also banned two club officials for five years.

Advancing

Pam Shriver, the No. 1 seed, reached the semi-finals of the Player's Challenge tennis tournament in Montreal on Saturday with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Raffaella Reggi. Shriver will now meet Zina Garrison, while in the other semi-final Rosalyn Fairbank, unseeded, will face Helena Sukova.

Shriver on course

New contender

The Australian Taskforce '87 syndicate has launched its third America's Cup contender, the 12-metre yacht Kookaburra III, which is the result of more than 30 model trials. Although a development of two earlier designs, Kevin Parry, the syndicate's chief, is unsure if it will be the final contender for the elimination races which begin in October and said it may see only limited action.

ATHLETICS

Selectors' changes hit Solly

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent

The British Athletics selectors are often spoiled for choice, but they more often seem to be spoiling for a fight with their selection policy, or rather lack of it. For it seems that Joo Solly, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, who was selected last Wednesday to run in the 5,000 metres in the European championships in Stuttgart, will be replaced by Tim Hutchings when the team is announced this morning.

There should not be too much argument about Hutchings' inclusion with Steve Overt and Jack Buckner, since the trio had a clean sweep of the medals at the Commonwealth Games, and Hutchings' sprint to third place in the 3,000 metres at Crystal Palace on Friday night (ahead of Overt and Solly) indicates a move back towards the form which took him to fourth in the Olympic Games two years ago.

But Solly is entitled to feel hard done by, since only he and Overt have bettered the 13min 25sec qualifying time which the British selectors put down as a guideline, instead of the official European mark of 13:40 at the start of the season. And Solly felt that two 10,000 metre races, the AAA and the Commonwealth, both of which he won, were sufficient for this season. It remains to be seen whether Solly will take the vacant 10,000 metres place for Steve Cram.

Steve Cram, the double Commonwealth champion, will be offered the same 800 and 1,500 metres places for the European championships, as will Sebastian Coe. Cram has had to pull out of today's Mohil Grand Prix meeting in Budapest because of a calf injury, which he believes will keep him out of training at least until Wednesday, and out of racing until next Monday's meeting in Birmingham.

Coe, recuperating from the throat infection which caused his withdrawal at Edinburgh, was turned down by Swiss officials when he was asked to run 800 metres in their national championships yesterday. Coe wanted it as preparation for his 1,500 metres in Zurich on Wednesday.

Allan Wells' return to form has earned him a place in both sprints in Budapest today. Other British competitors include David Sharpe, the world junior 800 metres champion, who has been chosen as reserve for that distance for Stuttgart, Fatima Whitbread and Geoff Parsons, who equalled his UK high jump record of 2.28 metres at Crystal Palace on Friday.

CRICKET

Botham sixes shatter League record

Ian Botham broke ooc record and almost set another during his innings for Somerset in the John Player League match against Northamptonshire at Wellingborough School yesterday.

He set a League record for the most sixes in an innings — 13 — beating the previous best of 10 held jointly by Gordon Greenidge, of Hampshire, and Graham Stevens, of Yorkshire.

And by finishing with 175 not out, he was just one short of the highest individual innings in the competition, held by Graham Gooch, as Somerset reached 272 for five in their allotted 39 overs.

Botham faced 122 balls, and in addition to his sixes, he also hit 12 fours. His previous highest score in the John Player League was 106 against Hampshire.

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PROTECTION

Protection needed

Mobil have to have some provision for their sponsorship of a fixture system which has brought some coherence to what was previously a lottery of wheels and dealers, on and off the track. The difficulty is that under athletic legislation, it is the national federations who have to discipline competitors. Aonita, a Moroccan, lives, and primarily runs, in Italy. It is symptomatic of the disunity within British domestic athletics that on what should be the biggest night of the year, neither Nigel Cooper, the British Board secretary, nor Andy Norman, the subventions co-ordinator, were in attendance. Tweedledummys lives on.

Ten days ago in Edinburgh, attending the Commonwealth Games, Mrs Thatcher was saying unofficially, on the eve of a new football season, what an improvement there had been in crowd behaviour in the past 12 months. My comment to her, at a reception by the Sports Aid Foundation, of which her husband is a director, was that however effective the control inside English grounds, the test would come the next time the English played in Europe. I was thinking of the European championship match in Stockholm next month. The test arrived sooner than expected.

Ban should stay

The truth is that bootlegging is a product of the combination of two characteristics: drunkenness and a liberally free society in which anarchy flourishes. It is as common in Bendinora as in Brussels stadium. Sadly but unavoidably, English clubs should continue to be banned from European football indefinitely. It is not our football, of course, which is on trial but our society: a society which hurls chairs at a Bruno fight and taunts coloured cricketers.

We can argue ourselves dizzy about what the police, the football authorities or the consuls should have done to be more prepared to cope with last week's outrage. Yet nothing would have eliminated the basic problem: that such people exist. The one man with sense was the Dutch captain who dumped them back at Harwich.

John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council and of Liverpool, had rightly said last week's incident that it is far too soon to contemplate a return to the European battlefield. The slogan "Cure Hooliganism — Football may have no logic, but it is unacceptable that football should be permitted to provide bootlegging with a vehicle.

Athletes must play the game

DAVID MILLER

The absence of Said Aouita from the — take a deep breath — IAC-Miller Lite-Mobil Grand Prix on Friday night, an anti-climax for many British enthusiasts, will oblige the International Amateur Athletics Federation to introduce a system of disciplinary measures in conjunction with Grand Prix promoters when it meets before the final in Rome next month.

As John Holt, general secretary of the IAAF, pertinently asks: "At what point do we have to say that the athlete is no longer a free agent?" Professional athletes can no longer hide behind a doctor's certificate.

Dave Bedford, the IAC's energetic and slightly emotional organizer, had been promising one of the most attractive meetings ever staged at Crystal Palace, with Aouita the star turn. What happened? Rumour started to circulate last Monday that Aouita was doubtful, with an alleged injury. On Wednesday, he ran the third fastest ever 5,000 metres in Corunna; doubts about Crystal Palace continued to mount. Bedford could not or would not confirm or deny Aouita's participation, television cynically continued to plug his presence: and he failed to arrive.

Last year, Holt attempted to impose a rule that athletes who withdrew from a Grand Prix in which they were scheduled to appear should be suspended for a week so as to exclude them from the next tournament, but the promoters rejected the proposal.

There is some evidence that Aouita currently does have a muscle condition on account of which he can lap at 62 seconds but cannot sprint at 55. That may legitimately be so. Holt will propose in Rome that any athlete capable of running only one race in any week must commit his appearance to a Grand Prix or not run at all. And he will again recommend the one week suspension for non-appearance.



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